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LIAM BISHOP played on the gym floor during the spirit rally at Albany Middle School, Tuesday, Feb. 11, supporting the teachers' negotiations with the district.

have been intensifying in recent weeks, with both sides lobbying hard for community support.

At a forum last week, district officials said a raise would endanger the financial stability of the district unless the district cuts jobs and programs.

The district received about \$1.5 million in new, unrestricted state funding this year, but all but \$350,000 has been budgeted for new expenses. A second session to discuss possible budget cuts was scheduled last night at Ocean View Elementary School.

A member of the CTA board of directors told the crowd the dispute is symptomatic of a statewide problem, saying, "Cutting programs pits schools against one another."

The talks reached an impasse in December and are continuing under

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Energy crisis may have upside for city coffers

Energy price hikes mean increased utility users tax revenue

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The state energy and resulting higher energy use is combined with the utility users tax at its Feb. 5 meeting.

"El Cerrito has not experienced any rolling blackouts; however, we are prepared if that should happen," Bruce King, maintenance and engineering services manager told the council while outlining the city's conservation efforts. King said El Cerrito, like other cities in the state, is striving to reduce its energy consumption by 7 percent as requested by the League of California Cities and the governor.

"We reduced our lighting levels at City Hall and at other facilities," King said. "We've asked all the department heads to reduce lighting where possible at their facilities. During lunch hour the lights at City Hall and all

the machinery are turned off."

King said the city also plans to change its traffic signal lights to LED-type lights that use less energy than the standard bulbs. He also pointed out that this spring El Cerrito hopes to do a "comprehensive streetlight audit" to identify older energy inefficient street lights.

During discussions of the city's utility users tax, Joe Grossman, chairman of the city's Economic Development Board, presented his own plan to the council that would keep the tax essentially revenue-neutral.

Grossman suggested stabilizing revenues generated by the tax at the year 2000 baseline, after adjusting for inflation and consumption variables. The utility users tax rate would be variable and could be adjusted upward or downward to stabilize the

revenue generated at about the year 2000 level.

Earlier this week Grossman said it may not be easy to legally implement a plan such as he suggested. "I put it before the council . . . that was kind of just saying it's time for you people to take some action," Grossman said. "At least put a plan together and see how the numbers fall out so you know what to do when you see the money." Friedman said that the city could use some of the unexpected tax revenue for city-wide conservation programs. "Helping homeowners, particularly senior citizens and people on fixed incomes, with weather-stripping, caulking of windows, insulation," Friedman suggested. He said the city-wide con-

ference will be held on Feb. 20.

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New book offers insight for non-traditional parents

By Joaquin McPeek
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Brill is going where Dr. Seuss may not have gone in the field of child rearing and parental choice.

The lesbian mother of two, soon to be three, released the "Queer Parents' Primer" yesterday, a comprehensive "how-to" book that looks into the world of gay, lesbian, bisexual

and transgender parenting.

"The perception of 'we're no different' is a wonderful perception, but in reality we have so many different issues that we face that make us different," Brill said.

The book emphasizes the everyday parental issues that GLBT families may face.

Chapters on creating gay family celebrations, instilling pride in children, and new family structures attempt to deal with those situations, but Brill also feels it can lend guidance to straight relatives involved with the GLBT parents.

"From reading the book, I think people will gain compassion and insight to the parents and children and it deepens the understanding to everyone involved," she said.

While many may be new to the subject of GLBT parenting, Brill is not.

Besides raising her 10- and 2-year-old girls with her partner, the 32-year-old Brill was a co-founder of the Berkeley-based Maia Midwifery, the only gay focused midwifery and birth-practice resource center in the country.

The center began catering exclusively to the gay community in 1993, an example of the recent interest in GLBT parenting.

An estimated 50 percent of all coupled lesbians have or will have children, while 51 percent of urban, gay men express a desire to become parents, according to Colleen Miller of New Harbinger Publications, who coincidentally is publishing Brill's primer.

"Just in the past 10 years there has been a huge change. I have a lot of hope that there will be more information and families will feel much safer in the next 10 years," Brill said.

Brill said her motivation for authoring the primer was to help those GLBT parents who feel like they are in isolation, a situation she once knew all too well.

When her 10-year-old was 2, she recalls going to great lengths to cross the street and get phone numbers from other lesbian couples she would see who had children.

She can still count on one hand the number of 10-year-olds being raised in a gay household.

Now Brill said she is seeing at least two or three children of gay parents in preschool classes.

"Those shear numbers alone give people a lot of encouragement and the confidence to start a family," Brill said.

The book lends itself to those in the GLBT community who may have

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Paring begins to put Swim Center plan back within budget

Current estimate exceeds available funds by more than \$3 million

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The "bells and whistles" are being removed from the project budget as the Swim Center Subcommittee struggles to reconcile a higher Swim Center cost estimate that far exceeds funds available from last year's Measure A.

"We've got champagne tastes and a beer budget," was how City Councilwoman Kathleen Perka characterized the problem.

In March of last year voters narrowly approved Measure A to fund a new \$4.9 million Swim Center along with other improvements at city park facilities. The original Swim Center estimate was later found to be too low and was pegged last month at \$8.1 million.

As a result the City Council formed a subcommittee to study the problem and recommend ways to focus on reconstructing the swimming pools themselves to reduce costs. Other funding sources such as community fund-raising, corporate sponsorships and grants will also be ex-

plored.

The subcommittee is chaired by Councilwoman Janet Abelson and includes Perka, city community services staff members, of the Park and Recreation Commissioners, Design Review Board members and representatives from the architectural and management firms for the Swim Center reconstruction project.

Working with architects from Ellerbe Becket and a project director from Pacific Program Management Inc., the subcommittee reviewed a less expensive plan for the Swim Center at its Feb. 8 meeting. Many items included in the original design have been reduced or removed from the latest schematic as not central to the Swim Center project.

Interim City Manager Susan Westman said at the subcommittee meeting that these non-central items will be addressed, but that their funding may come from other, non-Measure A, sources.

Items not budgeted in the "reduced schematic" the subcommittee reviewed include an emergency generator for the Community Center, the children's water play structure, Community Center/Swim Center parking lot resurfacing, a multipurpose room, a second "summer" entryway to the pools, temporary offices, trellis/shade structures, some

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Solano clock will honor 'Mr. Albany'

By Dave Greer
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — Jerome Blank will be honored by installation of a handsome clock on the southwest corner of Solano and Kains avenues. The clock stands a half inch shy of 15 feet and will be topped by the inscription "Mr. Albany."

"A group of friends came together to honor Jerome Blank for many contributions to the city," said Albany administrative assistant Ann Ritzma. At last September's Solano Stroll, Blank was one of a group of leading citizens designated as "local legacies" for helping make Albany a better place in which to live and work.

Blank has lived in Albany since 1925, when he was five years old. He is a veteran of World War II, and subsequently became one of the most prominent real estate people in the area.

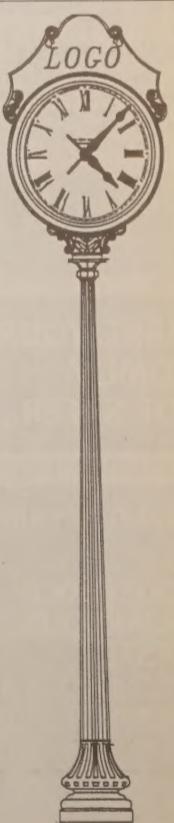
A former member of the Albany City Council and mayor, Blank has served on numerous commissions and committees and been a major figure in local politics and civic affairs for half a century.

The clock is two-faced and three feet wide. One side will be visible from the street and the other from the sidewalk. A bicycle rack on Solano Avenue will be removed to accommodate the timekeeper.

Installation of the non-chiming electric clock is slated for early March. The city will pay for its installation and maintenance, but the timepiece itself is being purchased by contributions from Blank's many friends. "The clock costs \$12,000 and so far we have \$9,000 in contributions," Ritzma said.

People who wish to help complete the clock fund may make checks payable to the City of Albany and send them to the City Administrator's Office, Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo, Albany CA 94706. Note that the check is for the clock and should be made on it.

"We hope to have all contributors in by March 1," Ritzma said.



CONTRIBUTED GRAPHIC
THIS SKETCH is of a handsome clock that will be installed on Solano Avenue to honor local Realtor Jerome Blank. The logo will read, "Mr. Albany."

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Black history program

Celebrate Black History Month by joining Afro-American Storyteller Jamie Myrick in a program of African American stories at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Open hours are Monday from 1-6 p.m., Tuesday noon-8 p.m., closed Wednesday, Thursday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

Torah Talk

The next Torah Talk airs 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, and features Shalom Holtz, Torah scholar, University of Pennsylvania, on "I will be with you to me," the marriage metaphor for the divine-human relationship in the Bible. Torah Talk airs the third Sunday of each month at 8 p.m. on KECG, 88.1 FM in El Cerrito/Berkeley, and 97.7 FM in Richmond/San Pablo. Torah Talk features contemporary discussions based on classical Jewish texts. The program is produced by Howard Felson.

Family Story Time

Family Story Time is held at 7 p.m. Tuesday evenings, Feb. 13, 20, 27, at Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. For all ages. Free. Call 510-524-3043.

Ritalin and alternatives

Ritalin/ADHD Workshop: "Ritalin, Is It Safe, Is It Necessary?" a special workshop on ADD/HD, Ritalin facts and alternative choices, will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. Interactive community workshop sponsored by the National Wellness Foundation, a non-profit organization. Free. Call 528-0162 to reserve space.

Help Find Frogs

Learn how to take part in this year's Berkeley-to-El Sobrante frog survey, 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5, at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin, Albany, or 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, at El Sobrante Library, 4191 Alpius Way (at San Pablo Dam Rd.), El Sobrante. Folksinger Nancy Schimmel will lead froggy songs. You'll learn about local frogs and toads and how to identify their chirps and croaks, then listen for calls after dark. Survey sponsors are Friends of Five Creeks, Friends of Baxter Creek, and SPAWNS (San Pablo Watershed Neighborhood Education and Restoration Society). For information call 510-849-9358, e-mail lscreeks@aol.com, or visit www.fivecreeks.org.

Albany Library contest

Enter the Last Lines Contest at the Albany Library! Correctly identify the title and author of 15 fictional works and win 10 Book Bucks. Entry forms and Last Lines available at the Albany Library reference desk. Contest ends Feb. 28. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 526-3720 ext. 19.

Free chess workshop

Robert Haines, National Master in chess, is offering a free drop-in chess workshop in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library. This workshop, which is a great opportunity to play chess and also improve your chess game, is held every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Chess sets provided. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at the Albany Library: 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

Get ready for tax time

Prefer to have your teeth pulled by a pair of pliers than face the tax paperwork? Let a professional organizer provide you with assistance to minimize the pain. Laugh and learn the what, when, where, why,

and how of organizing for taxes. Frances Strassman, of More Than Order in Berkeley, will present a talk Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001 at the Albany Adult Education center located in MacGregor School at 601 San Gabriel Ave. in Albany. The class is from 9-11 a.m., the fee is \$15. The class is especially helpful for small business people. Strassman is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers.

Teaching Excellence

The Ed. Fund announces its 14th annual Teaching Excellence Awards competition. Six \$500 cash awards will be given to recognize the extraordinary efforts of teachers, librarians and/or counselors at all grade levels in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Awards, to be

presented at the annual Ed. Fund Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet on May 18 will increase the community's knowledge and appreciation of the high quality of education offered throughout WCCUSD schools. To be eligible, a nominee must be a full-time WCCUSD teacher, librarian, or counselor, employed by the WCCUSD for at least the past three years. Past Ed. Fund Teaching Excellence Awards winners are not eligible.

Students, parents, district employees, business people, and other community members are encouraged to submit nominations postmarked or faxed no later than Saturday, Feb. 3. The Ed. Fund will send an application form to every nominee nominated by the postmark/date deadline. To be considered for an award, nominees must complete a Teaching Excellence Award Application Form. To choose the award recipients, The Ed. Fund will evaluate the applications the nominees submit, interview finalists, and select recipients.

For nomination forms or more details check online at www.wccusd.k12.ca.us or call 510-233-1464.

■ At about 11 a.m. on Feb. 6 a woman reported that she had been mugged at about 12:30 a.m. while on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue. She described her attacker as a white male, about six feet two inches tall, with short black hair and brownish yellow eyes. Police took the report.

■ On the morning of Feb. 6 a Fairfield man reported that during the night someone had tried to break into his blue '96 Dodge van while it was parked on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Feb. 6 a resident on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue reported that her white '91 Toyota Camry had been burglarized. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Feb. 7 Oakland police reported locating a white '94 Jeep Cherokee that had been reported as stolen from Albany. The vehicle was not damaged and they did not have anyone in custody.

■ On the morning of Feb. 7 a resident on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue reported that during the night thieves had entered his wife's blue '90 Toyota SW that was unlocked and parked in the driveway, and stole her cell phone and other items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Feb. 7 a resident on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had stolen his gray '85 Toyota. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Feb. 8 a resident on the 900 block of Fillmore Street reported that during the night thieves had stolen her silver '87 Toyota Corolla that was parked in the driveway. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Feb. 8 officers contacted a subject who appeared to be breaking into a blue '81 Datsun on the 900 block of Peralta

Burglars damage vehicle at used car

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 11 p.m. on Feb. 5 officers responded to the AM/PM on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue when a woman called 911 to report that two subjects had pulled a knife on her. The subjects were walking away from the scene when officers arrived. Officers contacted the two Albany men, ages 18 and 19, and arrested them for exhibiting a weapon and threatening a victim. They were transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the morning of Feb. 6 officers located a black '90 Ford Mustang on the south lot at 555 Pierce Street that had been reported as stolen from Daly City. The car had been stripped and the license plates were missing. They did not have anyone in custody. The vehicle was towed to the Berkeley jail.

■ At about 4 a.m. on Feb. 9 officers stopped a silver '90 Nissan Maxima near Solano and Santa Fe avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 20-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released when sober.

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Opinion



PROFESSOR WARREN F. LEE displays his new history of Albany and environs. In the background is one of the second generation of buildings in University Village, which is central to the book.

New history book, street sweeper for Albany

Albany is a little city, but it has a rich and colorful history that has fascinated Professor Warren F. Lee and his wife Catherine T. Lee. These distinguished scholars have labored long and are now ready to market a carefully researched work entitled, "A Selective History of the Codornices-University Village, The City of Albany and Environs."

This is the first history by professional historians to focus on Albany. Its 428 pages contain some 1000 photographs and many maps, cartoons, advertisements and other documents that give the flavor of the times. A chronology lists important dates and events in and about Albany from 3428 B.C. through 1999. Everything from mass migrations through politics, natural catastrophes, and murders, can be found here.

Professor Lee who has had a long interest in and involvement with railroads, first became interested in the history of the 12.1 miles of railroad that connected the World War II Richmond shippers with the "temporary" housing for these and other wartime workers in Codornices Village straddling the Albany-Berkeley line.

In 1992, while a research associate in the Department of History at the University of California, Lee and his wife moved into what had since become housing for former UC Berkeley students and teachers. They lived there for six years.

While most of us saw nothing

of UC Village's ugly, barracks-like

buildings designed to last five or

six years, this historian peered

into time and realized its im-

portance significance in winning

World War II.

"Construction of cargo ships in

Richmond yards was vital to the

war effort as without them we

would not have been able to move

men and materials overseas," Lee

said. And it was necessary to pro-

vide housing for the yard workers

and their families in and two

smaller ones in Richmond

and Berkeley.

When Lee began research on

the subject in 1992, he saw it as no

more than a pamphlet, but soon re-

alized what a deep historical vein

he had struck. He hoped to have

the book on the market several

years ago, but the printer's office

in Albuquerque, N.M., was bur-

dened and much of the work,

which was on discs, disappeared.

The Lees undertook the Her-

ren task of rewriting about 60

percent of the book. Looking on



DAVE GREER
Man About Town

the bright side, the professor says no information was lost and the delay allowed chronicling of later events.

Lee says he is in the process of planning marketing and distribution of the book, which he hopes to have in local book stores soon. People who want to get a copy early can contact him at 510-526-4697 or 510-799-7909.

The book is just \$29 as Lee only hopes to clear expenses. He writes histories — and he has authored two other books and numerous articles — to bring out the significance of places and events that have not previously received professional historical treatment.

Currently Lee lives in Hercules, but takes care of his two grandchildren who live in Albany and attend school here. He also teaches history courses, including one in Chinese history, at Chapman University, Concord Center.

The historian would like to have book signings locally. I hope this works out and gives people interested in the history of this city and environs a chance to talk with this distinguished and charming man. Not only is Warren Lee amazingly knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects, he is an original thinker unencumbered by the intellectual correctness now in vogue.

GARBAGE FEES ON THE RISE: Garbage collection rates are going up in Albany. That's the bad news. The good news is that the city plans to get a new street sweeper out of it and uses it more often.

The City Council voted unanimously to approve a monthly rate increase of 4.60 percent (68 cents) for 2001, 4.55 percent for 2002 (70 cents), and 4.55 percent for 2003 (73 cents) on a 32-gallon can. With an average increase over three years of 70 cents a month, the yearly bill will average \$8.40 more. Increases for senior citizens in the three years of the contract will be 51 cents, 55 cents, and 51 cents.

For this year and the following two years garbage removal rates will be \$15.35, \$16.05 and \$16.78 a month. Seniors will pay \$11.57, \$12.14 and \$12.69. Green waste and recycling rates are separate from garbage rates and increase

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GEORGE,
WATCH OUT FOR
THAT TREE!

HONEST,
ABE?

SO THAT'S WHY
IT'S CALLED
PRESIDENTS'
WEEKEND.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EBMUD vote is nonsense

When Sacramento flushes, we drink.

Recently, our East Bay Municipal Utility District board of directors, with a vote of six to zero, voted to pump our American River water allocation from Freeport (downstream from Sacramento) to Nimbus (six miles upstream from Sacramento). Why?

The eco-freaks thought the cleaner water was too good for us. We should have our American River water allocation, which is only 150,000 acre feet (5 percent of the flow) per year, filtered through Sacramento, into the Sacramento River, and carried through the Sacramento sewage discharge outlet for a much better flavor. It is guaranteed that after Sacramento sewage is processed, it is clean and drinkable.

Thirty years ago, we signed a contract to receive this extra water for drought protection. It was a good and very logical plan. We would use the existing Folsom South Canal for 19 miles and then construct a new pipeline for 18 miles to meet our existing aqueducts below Comanche Reservoir, which would carry this American River water into Buckhorn Reservoir. The eco-freaks killed Buckhorn after we voters passed this needed drought protection plan.

The eco-freaks said Buckhorn would kill the Alameda whipsnake. But they didn't say that we would have more frogs and fish.

Let's thank the six EBMUD directors for their vote. We already spent \$30 million of our money on defeated plans and attorneys' fees for nothing. Now we must build a very expensive new pipeline to move this Sacramento flavored water into our system.

Thank you, EBMUD. In case of drought,

we are now protected. But first, we need extra flushes from the Sacramento low-flush toilets.

Sidney Steinberg
Berkeley

Destroying our rights

The religious left has completely devastated our California quality of life. They have made eco-gods out of our animals, birds, snakes, frogs, bugs, salamanders, weeds, wet lands, "open space," and so on.

For the last 40 years, we have been brainwashed by the religious left to the point that most of our human property rights are almost gone.

I know most of us disagree with the religious right. We want logical drug laws, free women's choice, free sex partner choice, and the right to work and live where we choose. Fortunately, we have moved away from these right-wing bigots.

But now it is worse!

The eco-zealots have made it impossible for us to buy a house. They have doubled our apartment rents, they have made our highways parking lots, tripled our electric costs, doubled our gasoline costs and heating costs, and regulated our land use, water and agriculture to the point that 54 percent of our farmers are on the brink of bankruptcy.

They have eliminated the timber industry when California has more trees than we had 100 years ago, and they have eliminated the mining industry and heavy industry to the point that most of our manufactured goods are from foreign countries.

And we have accepted all of these human rights violations by saying, "We are saving the earth!"

This is a lie. We are not injuring the earth. We are destroying human rights, and we have destroyed our California lifestyle in favor of a religious cult — the religious left.

The first sentence of the First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Now that we have allowed the religious left to take over our government, our human constitutional rights are gone.

Our California lifestyle will continually be worse until our freedom and liberty are destroyed.

Ella Jensen
El Cerrito

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VIEWPOINT

Go back to the table

This is a statement made at the Albany School Board meeting on Tuesday by David De Hart, president of the Albany Teachers Association:

do not have a settlement. It shows absolute disrespect for teachers.

At best, you are insinuating that I am purposely misleading my members; that I am not disclosing to them the real truth. You ought to be ashamed Bill. We do not need to mislead our members because the facts speak for themselves.

At worst, you have insulted every teacher in the district, but that is nothing new. You are insinuating that they do not have the ability to figure out things on their own, that they are pulling the wool over the eyes of my members and leading the troops astray. It is too bad that you really do not know me Bill, or that you do not have more respect for teachers.

First off, it was my hope that you were misquoted. It is arrogant statements like this one that have characterized the board's attitude and is one of the reasons why we

Your comment sounds as if teachers really do not deserve a Cadillac, that our benefits are just too good for us. Well, believe me, I know plenty of teachers in other districts that not only have the Cadillac plan, they received double-digit raises too. In fact, I could never call it the Cadillac, but maybe the Chevy. Perhaps the best term is proper benefits.

Our members understand that our benefits are at the proper level because every time we negotiate, the board reminds us of our benefits package, and that is one of the reasons we are paid such low salaries compared to other districts. We know we have proper benefits because we are only asking for 7-1/2 percent in our pockets this year instead of the double digit raises everyone else is getting.

Perhaps I could accept the term

Cadillac if our benefits did not end at age 65. Give us lifetime benefits like the teachers in West Contra Costa County get in addition to their double digit raise and then I might agree with you.

Just keep in mind, school board members, it is this kind of arrogance reflected in the article that divides you further and further from the teachers and the community. You are totally out of touch with reality and holding on to some ridiculous process that only makes things worse.

Stop the stalling and scare tactics. If you really want to do what is right for the students, teachers, and community, you will get back to the table immediately if not sooner and give the teachers of Albany a fair raise.

JOURNAL BRIEFS

Mardi Gras coming to Community Center

EL CERRITO — Come join the fun at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, from 6-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, as a little of New Orleans comes to the East Bay at a festive Mardi Gras program presented by Celebrating Culture & Community and Sonjay's Productions.

The event highlights the history of Mardi Gras, a parade of costumes, dancing and singing. Another plus will be a one-night special presentation of fashions by Aminawear and Sonjay's Productions. Traditional clothing from our diverse communities will also be a high point of the show. SP Dancers, Chocolate Kisses, Chocolate Drops and Chocolate Delights will show their stuff with praise dancing, tap, jazz and modern dance.

The cost of the event is \$15. Half of all proceeds will go to support CC&C Sister Cities event. Youth groups presenting some of the dances will also benefit.

For more information, call Sonjay Odds-Eggerton, 510-757-4077.

Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary names new officers

EL CERRITO — The Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary will honor its newly elected officers and its new members at the annual Spring Luncheon slated for March 28 at the Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito.

Officers serving a second term this year include Betty Altfilisch, Kensington, president; Betty Thal, Kensington, and Madeline Doran, Berkeley, hospitality co-chairs; Rosslyn Alston, Berkeley, recording secretary; Barbara Gamba, Berkeley, treasurer; and Page Griffin, Berkeley, membership chair. New to office this year are Katharine Foley, Berkeley, first vice president (orthodontia); Sally Eustis, Berkeley, second vice president (special projects donations); Evelyn Hayes, Berkeley, corresponding secretary; and Barbara Porter, Berkeley, and Dorothy Zwoyer, Emeryville, who will serve as co-chairs of the Turnabout Shop for 2001-2002.

New members of the Auxiliary being honored at the luncheon are Betsy Kelly, Albany; Margaret Jaekle, El Cerrito; and Elisabeth De Vogelaere, Anne Karst, and Pat Springer, all of Berkeley.

Auxiliary members staff and manage the Turnabout Shop at 110052 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito. All staff time and merchandise are donated, and proceeds from sales go for health care needs in local communities. The principal project since 1954 has been helping to provide critical orthodontia care for needy local children.

Donations of merchandise from the community are always welcome. The thrift shop has new hours. It will be open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call 510-525-7844.

Free NEAT 'Survivor' course

EL CERRITO — The Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams program in El Cerrito and Kensington offers a comprehensive emergency preparedness survival course that includes hands-on practice of fire fighting, medical triage, search and rescue, and other skills.

The course is offered four consecutive Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:15 p.m. from March 15 through April 5, with the hands-on skills practice session on Saturday, April 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Topics covered include home and neighborhood preparedness and organization, structural and non-structural hazard mitigation, utility control, fire suppression, hazardous materials awareness, emergency communications, disaster medicine

and psychology, damage assessment, and search and rescue.

The course is free. For location and reservation, call Pat Cafetel, 510-525-7268.

Botanic garden lecture on early natural history

"East Bay Natural History at First European Contact" is the subject of a free lecture at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 24 at Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park.

The botanic garden is at Wildcat Canyon Road and South Park Drive.

The botanic garden conducts free, docent-led tours at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The tours meet in front of the visitors' center in the garden.

The botanic garden's annual native plant sale will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 21. The sale affords the public an opportunity to purchase drought-resistant and unique California native plants at low cost.

Call 510-841-8732 for more information.

Contra Costa youth sought for violence prevention

The Contra Costa County Health Services division is looking for young people who want to make a difference in their communities by joining the county's violence prevention effort.

Through a grant from the California Department of Health Services, the county's Violence Prevention Project will be able to hold two youth summits, the first of which will take place this summer.

The summits will address how young people experience violence, and what can be done to prevent it.

Young people are also being recruited for the Youth Watch Network, a group that will track what their peers are listening to, watching, reading or playing.

To sign up for the Youth Watch Network, or to find out more about the upcoming summit, contact Toni Guy at 925-313-6826.

Spring Song and Arts Festival is March 4

ALBANY — The Spring Song and Arts Festival will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Albany Veteran's Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave., Memorial Park, Albany.

Activities for the whole family include arts and crafts-making, a silent auction, and special music for all ages with singer Betsy Rose in concert at 1:30 p.m. She brings her special blend of wisdom, humor, and heart that invites the whole family to sing along and celebrate the earth, the power of love and the magic of childhood. Admission is \$6 per person/\$10 per family. The festival is a fund-raiser for Crestmont School, a parent co-op elementary school. For more information, call Billie Warden at 510-237-4164.

CORRECTION

The Feb. 9 story "Albany Approves Garbage Fee Hike" reported an incorrect amount of the rate increase. The correct increase per 32-gallon can is \$0.68 in 2001, \$0.70 in 2002, and \$0.73 in 2003. The Journal regrets the error.

You can e-mail submissions to the Journal at journal@cctimes.com

City covers 'overhead' cost for new roof

Last week the City Council approved \$174,670 for a new roof for the Public Safety Building. The majority of the money will come from the city's capital facilities maintenance reserve fund, but Federal Emergency Management Agency funds will also provide \$29,741 towards the new roof.

The job will be done by Enterprise Roofing and will include replacing the existing clay tile roof with a new concrete tile roof. The copper rain gutters and down-spouts will also be repaired. A preliminary project completion date of June 21, 2001, was given by the roofing company.

Responding to a question from the council, Steve Mitchell, the city's building official, pointed out that the county, which owns a small part of the Public Safety Building, will be billed for 15 percent of the cost of the new roof.

Program takes aim at graffiti

Members of the West County Alliance spoke to the City Council last week to promote their graffiti removal hotline. "You see it; you

phone; we clean," read the alliance's anti-graffiti stickers. The number is 1-877-GRAFFITI (graffiti is spelled with one "f" in the hotline to fit the phone number requirement).

Hermann Welm, speaking for the alliance, encouraged people to call the hotline whenever they see graffiti to have it removed as quickly as possible.

"Graffiti is one of the most damaging things that can happen to a community," Welm said. "It creates a negative image; it creates a sense of danger and unwelcomeness to visitors" he added.

Welm said the alliance recognized early on that graffiti is a problem in West County and that the quicker graffiti is removed the better. "The commitment of all the jurisdictions, including the city of El Cerrito and the public works department, is to clean it up as rapidly as possible after getting notification."

The West County Alliance is a consortium of public relations, media and communications professionals who represent corporations, cities and public jurisdictions in West Contra Costa County. Members include The Mechanics Bank, Hilltop Mall, the school district, the Arts and Cultural Commission, the West County Times and the five West County Cities, including El Cerrito.

EL CERRITO NEWSLINE

Repairs planned for sidewalks at BART stations

Community Development Director Jill Keimach and Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Bruce King recently met with BART representatives about the poor condition of sidewalks around the city's two BART stations.

"BART staff will be requesting that the BART Board of Directors allocate all the funds necessary to construct all new sidewalks and replace sections of the damaged curbs and gutters around the perimeter of the two stations," Keimach said to the City Council in a report last week.

Because the sidewalks have been damaged by the eucalyptus trees and other large trees in landscaped areas, Keimach said BART is proposing to remove all the trees along the west side of Key Boulevard and Liberty Street and replace them with 59 "sidewalk-friendly" Gingko biloba trees.

She reported that although removing the mature trees may reduce future sidewalk damage, the trees help screen the parking lot from surrounding residential areas. "Staff believes a number of the existing mature trees in the landscaped area

behind the sidewalk should be removed," Keimach told the council. King will meet with BART at the Del Norte station to make a case for saving as many of the trees as possible.

BART also plans to increase lighting at both BART stations. At Del Norte, additional lighting is proposed along San Pablo Avenue and Ohlone Greenway. Keimach said, "At the Plaza BART station, general lighting is proposed generally around the perimeter of all the parking lots," she reported. "All construction projects, the work is likely to be reduced as construction costs are determined Keimach added.

Parking enforcement update

Police Chief Scott Kirkland reported last week that his department has hired a third parking enforcement representative, Dennis McLen, who worked for Zellers Paper Products in Hayward from September 1968 until his retirement October 1998, began his employment with the city on Feb. 6.

"We are excited that we were able to find such a quality person and welcome Don to the city and we hope he will be a valuable addition to our department," Kirkland said.

ALBANY NEWSLINE

City finance director departs, replacement search starts

Albany is launching a search for a new finance and administrative services director to replace Joan Streit, who left last month after roughly two years in the position.

The position is responsible for the management of the city's overall operating and capital improvement budgets. Streit was also responsible for the city's information systems, phones and other communication systems.

"We're interviewing people for the interim," said interim city administrator Tom Sinclair, who will be leaving his own position later this month.

Other day-to-day operations include addressing Albany's long-term financial operations.

That means developing five-year revenue and expenditure forecasts, mid-year budget reviews and revisions, cost analyses of labor contracts, general budgetary oversight and control, grant funding, debt issuance, and fiscal administration of the Albany Public Facilities Financing Authority, as well as capital improvement projects such as lighting and landscaping, streets, sewer and capital facilities.

Streit's last day was Jan. 19.

Maris speaking to LWV

Albany Mayor Allan Maris will be speaking about the city's approach to youth services at the Albany Pub-

lic Library on Thursday, March 1.

Several years ago, Albany adopted a "Youth Master Plan" to set goals and objectives for youth-related activities and to coordinate the spectrum of wide programs for young people.

Maris, a member of LWV (League of Women Voters of Albany, Albany and Emeryville), will be giving an update on the progress and effectiveness of the plan so far.

The talk will take place in the library's Edith Stone Room, at 21 Marin Ave., at the corner of Marin Avenue.

Closed for the day

Albany city offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of President's Day.

While placing her undercarriage shortly after 1 p.m., officer Shamus reportedly found her in possession of an unreported stolen book and a Kaiser-Permanente medical card that was reported to the Novato Police Department in December. Shamus was tipped off by a store employee who reported to a customer had attempted to obtain a refund using a suspected counterfeit.

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into and burglarizing a car parked on the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard, as well as possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

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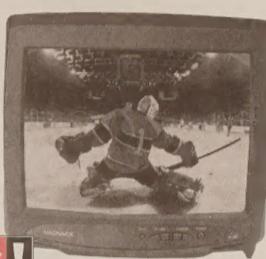
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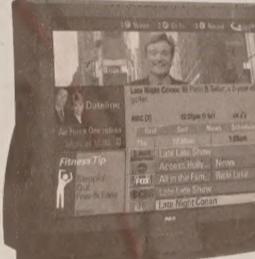


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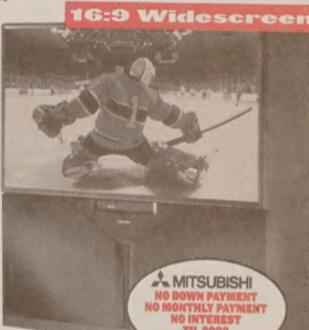


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March 5, Council meeting, 7:00pm in the faculty room at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann St., Pinole. Agenda will include presentation of a slate of officers for next year's board and updating your unit's bylaws.

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like Brill did 10 years ago, but I feel they still need some words of wisdom.

"In reality, there really is a lot as accessible as this that covers what it's like to raise our kids," Brill said.

While her day-to-day experience has influenced her approach to writing the primer, Brill interviewed numerous children and parents from over the country to draw on different experiences that would lend the book's subject.

"I wanted to show examples of how to raise children to be agents of social change. By understanding the pain of discrimination we can empower our children to change society," Brill said.

Brill is regarded as an expert in the GLBT community, as a midwife and an advocate.

As a co-founder of the New Visions Charter school in Oakland in 1995, Brill helped provide an alternative institution that based its curriculum on issues of bias and gay possibilities.

The school eventually closed down from lack of funding, but Brill now uses her book as a source for parental direction in the GLBT community.

"What I've gotten from growing up is a comfortable level of acceptance and activism. I wanted to offer support to those that may not see that," Brill said.

For information on Brill's book release parties, call 510-883-1715.

Guitarist blends styles of jazz on new CD release

By Joaquin McPeek
STAFF WRITER

Tucked away in a modest Chinese restaurant in Pinole, you'll find a Bay Area guitarist who has been entertaining people for years.

Just ask Jeff Feldstein and there's nothing he'd rather be doing.

"I made a decision several years ago that music is for me. It's the thing I do best," the UC Berkeley graduate and Oakland resident said.

The consummate sideman now hopes more music listeners will take note when he releases his debut album as a leader in the next few months.

Already completed, "Hurricane Watch" is a blend of standard jazz with a modern feel that doesn't give way to your typical jazz anthem.

"It's several feelings. There are

particular aspects of jazz, some old, some new, but it's still my sound," Feldstein said.

After having worked with Bay Area bassist Jeff Chambers, flautist Art Maxwell and drummers E.W. Wainwright and Eddie Marshall, Feldstein felt it was time to transform his own creative energy into a product he could call his own.

Almost all of the tunes heard on the album are written by Feldstein, giving the listener a small hint as to the influences that formulated his style and sound.

He sites McCoy Tyner as a big influence on his music.

"Fred Astaire once said, 'Do it large, do it with class.' McCoy's music was so large that he just saturated you with his sound," Feldstein said.

The album, featuring both a trio

and quartet line-up, lends itself to the big, swinging sound, but doesn't bombard the listener with too much music.

Enough space is left open for the solo and the ability for the listener to notice the rhythm.

"I want to make the album accessible for people who are into jazz and to those who only know a smattering of it," he said.

But rather than emulate other musicians, Feldstein has always preferred absorbing the music and learning those experiences to his playing and writing.

While carrying a robust sound with hints of guitar pioneers like Pat Martino and Wes Montgomery, Feldstein is still able to create his own trademark riffs and weave them into his original tunes and showcase a

wide musical background.

At the tender age of 12, he was already creating a buzz in the rock and blues music scene in his native New York.

Feldstein still laughs about memories of his first guitar.

"It was such a piece of (garbage). The strings three inches off the fretboard, which made it difficult to play. If I could play an instrument like that, I knew I had the determination to stick with the guitar," he said.

Feldstein soon found himself pushing away from his rock roots and became transfixed on jazz after a Duke Ellington concert.

Like most worthy musicians, Feldstein steeped himself into the history of jazz where he eventually stumbled into George Benson protégé Richie Hart who was a key source in his

learning process.

Feldstein finally settled in the Bay Area, graduating from UC Berkeley and continues to feed his musical appetite.

Joining the 45-year-old on the album are Colin Bailey and Danny Spencer on drums, Bryan McConnell on bass and Terry Rodriguez on piano.

"The challenge is not just finding players but finding those that fit well with the tunes I have in mind. The different personalities on this album were able to do this," Feldstein said.

Spencer once had a touring stint with sax great Joe Henderson.

Feldstein describes McConnell as "an exuberant who's playing has such freedom, while Rodriguez is very

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fencing, moving costs and furniture and bleachers.

Additionally, the budgeted amount for several other items has been reduced. The latest plan for the recreational pool north of the competition pool has been scaled back, it will not be enlarged as originally envisioned.

Also scaled back are budgets for a colored pool deck, pedestrian paving, landscaping, a lifeguard tower (lifeguard chairs will be installed instead), staff offices, storage space and other items.

"The items not directly related to building the pools are being re-

moved," Perka said. "Actually, they're not being removed, we're just finding out what the costs are of those pieces." Perka said the City Council will decide what to do about these non-central items identified by the subcommittee.

"The council has to decide whether the additional items are going to get built or not," Perka said, emphasizing that she is committed to building the pool within the \$4.9 million budget. "We have a handshake, a commitment to the public; we said it was going to be \$4.9 million to get a pool and we're going to get a pool."

Project director Paul Roberts of Ellerbeck Becket, pointed out that the quality of the competition pool remains unchanged in the reduced

schematic plan. "In terms of the quality level, it's a good quality; it's at the higher end," Roberts said. He also said that the quality of the smaller recreational pool has not been reduced.

Park and Recreation commissioner Christina Benitez Wilcox described the subcommittee as being "penny wise and pound foolish" concerning the Swim Center reductions. "I think the bottom line is that you can't get the pool for \$4.9 million — it's just not going to happen," she told her fellow subcommittee members at the meeting.

The reduced schematic plan being reviewed by the subcommittee totals to just under \$5.4 million.

The \$5.3 million Measure A parcel tax costs residents \$58 a year for

20 years to pay for reconstruction of the 37-year-old Swim Center, reconstruction of Canyon Trail Clubhouse and restroom renovations at three other city-owned clubhouses.

Inflation, rising construction costs and other factors including an original estimate that did not include all expenses have been cited as reasons the Swim Center estimate rose from \$4.9 million to \$8.1 million.

"What this basically means is that we're scaling the project back into a proposal to something that more closely matches the \$4.9 million that is available to us from the Measure A fund," Abelson said at the Feb. 5 City Council meeting to describe the efforts of the subcommittee.

"The goal is to get it to 4.9," Abelson said, adding that the council will

have to find a funding source "outside of Measure A" for some of the projects deleted from the original plan.

Mayor Larry Damon agreed, saying the items deleted from the original plan are essential, but are "less germane" to the "central functionality" of the Swim Center. "Those items are important and those items can be addressed on other budgets and perhaps at a different time" he said.

"The difficulty that we're going to face now — is we are now back down to the essentials," Damon added. "That's when we're going to have to look at the essentials and decide which ones truly contribute the greatest value to what we're trying to accomplish. It's going to get kind of tough from here on out."

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by Laura Fischer
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Median home price up 10.7% from last December, sales down 5.4%

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LOS ANGELES - Sales of existing homes in California in December declined 5.4 percent and the median home price rose 10.7 percent compared to the same period a year ago, according to the California Association of Realtors and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service.

"Uncertainty about the future of the economy was reflected in the sales pace in many areas of the state, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area," said C.A.R. President Gary Thomas.

"The frenzied pace of home sales in the last few years as the dot-com economy boomed appears to be shifting to a more sustainable level of activity."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 479,220 in December at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) statewide.

Statewide home resale activity decreased 5.4 percent from the 506,550 sales pace recorded in December 1999. Resale activity posted a decrease of 15.0 percent in December 2000 compared to November 2000.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2000 would be if sales maintained the December pace throughout the year. It is adjusted for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during December 2000 was \$249,370, a 10.7 percent increase over the \$225,260 median

for December 1999, C.A.R. reported. The December 2000 median price decreased slightly by 0.6 percent compared to November 2000.

C.A.R., in conjunction with Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan software and information product, reported that nearly 88 percent of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Some highlights

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in December 2000 was 3.2 months, compared to 3.3 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months required to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 7.32 percent during December 2000, down slightly from 7.91 percent in December 1999, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 7.05 percent in December 2000, up from 6.53 percent in December 1999.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home

was 32 days in December 2000, down from 36 days for the same period a year ago.

The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes is generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state.

MLS median price and sales data for condominiums is based on a survey of 64 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

"The emerging energy crisis, uncertainty about the outcome of the November elections and a dip in consumer confidence took its toll on home sales in December, although regional disparities abound," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

"Double-digit declines in year-to-year sales were almost exclusively confined to Northern California, where prices continue to escalate."

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan service, 268 of 306 California cities and communities showed an increase in their

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A resident of the area since 1974, Brower joins the Berkeley-based brokerage with many years experience in the Bay Area residential market.

In addition to her successful real estate career, Norah founded and previously owned two award-winning design businesses.

The first, Evenarycraft, specialized in designing and producing unique handpainted children's clothing.

The second, Silkworks, produced and marketed custom-designed fabrics for both the residential and commercial markets. In recent years Brower has made her home in Berkeley and has ranked continually among the top local real estate producers.

"We are delighted to have Norah join us at Berkeley Hills," says Berkeley Hills broker and co-owner Nancy Mueller.

"Over the last several years, the real estate community has watched her successfully apply her topnotch business and design skills to real estate, and the resulting service — for both her



NORAH BROWER

buyers and sellers — has been nothing short of sensational."

Originally from Zimbabwe, Brower received both her undergraduate degree and teaching credential from the University of Cape Town in South Africa and later completed her Masters in Teaching of the Deaf at San Francisco State.

Brower specializes in residential properties in Berkeley, Kensington, Albany, El Cerrito, Oakland and Piedmont. She can be contacted at Berkeley Hills Realty (510-524-9888, extension 26) or via e-mail at rnbowr@flash.net.

What is a Realtist?

By Bobbie Reid

CORRESPONDENT

What is a Realtist? In the simplest of terms, a Realtist is a member of the Associated Real Property Brokers, also referred to as ARPB. What is ARPB? ARPB is a professional trade association. Real estate is the trade. Membership in ARPB includes membership in the California Association of Real Estate Brokers (CAREB) and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB). (This year's national president of NAREB is Ernest Clark of Seville Real Estate in Oakland.)

The organization's membership is made up mainly of African American and other minorities. Members are real estate licensees and other professionals engaged in real estate related industries, i.e. title and mortgage. Members of ARPB are known as Realtists.

So why was the organization created when there are other real estate trade organizations in existence? We'll need a little history lesson to answer that question.

Attitudes of discrimination were the reason for the creation of the Realtist's organizations. In the 1940s, African American real estate licensees were denied membership in their local real estate associations.

As a result of being turned down for membership in these boards, African American real estate brokers began to meet on their own. In 1947, they formed what is now known as NAREB. From there local organizations such as ARPB were formed.

Today's local real estate associations welcome everyone. All real estate licensees, who follow the appropriate Department of Real Estate guidelines are candidates for membership. Many minority real estate professionals belong to both organizations. Some only belong to one. If the local Realtor boards now invite everyone to join, why the need for ARPB?

Anita Jones of Seville Real Estate and the 1999 & 2000 President of ARPB commented, "I belong to both groups. Both have something to offer. Some matters traditionally and solely affect minorities. ARPB addresses those matters." Jones feels that ARPB provides exposure that helps her support certain causes and promote change.

Being President of ARPB is a two year voluntary commitment and in addition one must continue to conduct their own business. "It takes a

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A bit of paradise in historic Monterey

When I was in Italy last June, my favorite place to stay was a historic 16th century inn called "La Suvera," nestled in the hills of rural Tuscany a few miles outside of Siena. It was once used as a hideaway by Pope Julius II, who had lavished as much attention on the gardens as the apartments. The sense of peace and serenity that the gardens of La Suvera offered is a feeling hard to find in most of California's hotels and bed and breakfast inns.

Last month, I enjoyed some of that same feeling at a historic "B and B," just above old town Monterey. The Old Monterey Inn is a oasis of calm and quiet — a Tudor Revival manor house surrounded by lush gardens in which one soon forgets about the stress of modern life in Northern California. To properly describe the charms of this historic place, it is necessary to set it into its unique context: the pueblo of Monterey.

Monterey was founded by the Spanish as a presidio, or military outpost, in 1770. Unlike most other presidios in Alta California, Monterey was also settled as a pueblo, or civilian town, and a Franciscan mission, from the beginning of its history. It soon became the administrative capital of the Spanish province of Alta California.

Over the next several decades, Monterey grew steadily in population. By the time the Americans took over, at the start of the Mexican American War in 1846, this pueblo had over 1,000 inhabitants, by far the largest population of any town in Alta California.

Yankee settlers brought new types of building features to add onto the older adobe, (or mud brick) homes of the Spanish and Mexican settlers. They added the overhanging, second story balcony, wooden columns, the sloping "saltbox" style roofline, and wood-latticed windows found in their native New England and Midwestern towns.

This unique hybrid of two very distinct styles came to be called the "Monterey Adobe" style. Popular all over California, it is still being used by builders today for houses, condo developments and small commercial structures.

In the 1910s and '20s, the Monterey peninsula became popular with tourists from other areas of California and all across the country. The nearby quaint little town of Carmel was developed into a fairytale-like version of an old English village, with half timbered and field stone shops and houses and English style pubs and ale houses.

The population of the Monterey peninsula grew rapidly and the town of Monterey expanded well beyond its original Spanish boundaries. During this period of growth, the house that now comprises the Old Monterey Inn was built. Designed in 1929 in the style of a 16th century, half-timbered, English Tudor Revival manor house, the home was placed in upper corner of a generous 1.26-acre plot at 500 Martin St., atop a quiet, oak-shaded hillside. This home re-

Owning A Piece of History



By Mark A. Wilson

mained a private residence for nearly 50 years, and its spacious lot has never been subdivided.

In 1968, Ann and Gene Swett bought the house to use as their own family residence. Over the next 10 years, they raised six children, and drawings of their smiling faces can be seen on the living room walls. In 1978, they converted the house into a bed and breakfast inn.

According to Gene Swett, they did this largely to keep the lovely grounds intact, by putting them to a practical use that would provide enough income to maintain them.

"We wanted to save this property from being subdivided and developed into multi-unit projects, like the five-unit condo complex next door," says Gene. Fortunately, the effect of nearby developments has been nil on the peace and privacy of the grounds at the Old Monterey Inn.

The Swetts have made modest changes to the original house and grounds since they converted it into an inn. There are now 10 rooms, including the garden cottage, and the entire living area of the property has a total of about 4,500 square feet.

The common rooms on the first floor all retain their original architectural features. They have the air of an authentic, English Tudor manor house, like many that I have stayed in. The living room has a baronial scale fireplace, high ceilings, and wrought iron sconces.

The dining room has one of the finest painted ceilings I have seen of any historic inn anywhere in California. It was painted by an elderly local craftsman and his son, to resemble the colorful decorative patterns on the ceilings of Tudor manor houses in rural England.

There is also a handsome baronial fireplace along one wall, with a hand-beaten metal hood. The tall latticed windows in the dining room also open out onto the lovely English style gardens.

All of the rooms at the Old Monterey Inn are furnished with genuine antiques, mostly of 19th century American and English origin.

There is an impressive, late Victorian-era sideboard in the living room. On the wall of the staircase landing is a finely carved Waterbury Clock, made in 1890 in Connecticut. Arts and Crafts style pieces of furniture grace some of the rooms.

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THE ENTRYWAY TO THE OLD MONTEREY INN bespeaks serenity that one finds within.

Prices

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respective median home prices from a year ago.

Using the MetroScan database, median home prices are generated from new and existing condominium and single-family closed escrow sales. These localized MetroScan® statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information.

Note: Large changes in local median home prices typically indicate both local home price appreciation, and often, large shifts in the composition of housing market activity. Some of the variations in median home prices may be exaggerated due to compositional changes in housing demand.

The MetroScan tables listing median home prices in California cities and counties is accessible through the C.A.R. Web site.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the highest median

home prices in California for December 2000 were

- Los Altos, \$1,316,000
- Mill Valley, \$1,250,000
- Saratoga, \$1,200,000
- Burlingame, \$1,150,000
- Pacific Palisades, \$775,000
- Malibu, \$750,000
- Menlo Park, \$700,000
- San Marin, \$650,000
- Lafayette, \$600,000
- Belmont, \$550,000

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the greatest home price increases in December 2000 compared to the same period a year ago were: San Jose, San Francisco, Watsonville, Union City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, San Francisco, San Francisco, and San Francisco.

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Most of your wants and needs are in the equity in your home and seems like a no-brainer to do. But, before committing to what it is like to live through a remodeling project, it's really going to be that bad?

Your regular life in your home is disrupted. You get up in the morning, have coffee and read the newspaper at the breakfast table. All of this happens with minimal thought

needed on your part. Everything is where it was the day before.

Now, if your kitchen is being remodeled, how do you make coffee and where do you read the paper? To make coffee you need to find the coffee, the coffee-maker, and a filter. You need water and a place to plug in the coffee-maker or heat up the water. To enjoy the coffee you need a cup and maybe some milk or cream and some sugar. Don't forget the spoon and a napkin.

To enjoy the coffee and the newspaper you need a place to sit down and a table to put things on. Preferably these are not covered by dust.

My point is that there is so much one takes for granted living in a house which is not being remodeled. If you are thinking about remodeling remember to plan on temporary ways to fill the needs of everyday living.

Depending on what is being remodeled, you might not have the use of one or more of these facilities: kitchen, laundry or bath. Particularly if you have children the loss of one or more of these use areas can really drive you nuts!

Your remodeler can work with you to provide temporary replacement facilities. Here are some examples.

A temporary kitchen can be placed in the dining room. Your remodeler covers the floor with plastic sheeting and masonite, taping the edges of the masonite together. Now, if something spills, the dining room floor will not be damaged.

A short run of the existing kitchen sink cabinetry and counter, including the sink, can be set up in the dining room. The sink can be hooked up with temporary waste and water lines. Now you can get water for cooking, etc. (like making the morning coffee) and for cleaning the dishes.

The refrigerator can be moved in. Consider using a microwave for cooking or your stove can be connected with a little more work.

The bathroom is harder to replace. The biggest challenge is when the only bathroom in the house is being remodeled. Again, by working with your remodeler the inconvenience can be reduced.

As part of any remodel lasting more than a couple of weeks will your remodeler provide a temporary toilet for their use. You can use it when the toilet is not working in your bathroom. One thing a remodeler can do is leave the existing toilet in place for as long as possible, and then install the new toilet as quickly as possible.

The same strategy can be used

From the Ground Up



By Paul Winans

with bathing facilities. The existing tub stays for as long as possible with the new tub being installed as soon as the old tub is removed. Now you can bathe, even if you can not yet take showers. If you like to take showers, plastic sheeting can be hung on the tub walls, taking the place of the tile shower surround until it is installed.

You can see from the above that the temporary facilities are not anywhere near as nice as the permanent facilities are.

But, when it comes to living through a remodel, you will feel better if you work with your remodeler to anticipate your everyday needs and to develop strategies to minimize inconvenience.

Paul Winans is a co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland based residential remodeling company. You can contact Winans Construction at 510-653-7288 and learn more about them at www.winansinc.com.

Tinsley tops at Prudential's Grand Avenue office

Prudential California Realty's Grand Avenue office in Oakland announced that Darrin Tinsley was its number one agent in 2000.

Tinsley, an 11-year real estate veteran served 30 buyers and sellers last year.

"I would like to congratulate Darrin for another outstanding year," said office broker Amberon "Mac" McCullough.

"My hat is off to all the fine title companies, mortgage brokers, termite companies, real estate brokers and contractors who helped me in the last year," said Tinsley. "Most of all, I'd like to thank the home buyers who dared to dream and who were not discouraged by a very challenging market."

Tinsley can be reached at 510-287-5837.



DARRIN TINSLEY

ARPB offers members many opportunities for networking and education. Locally there is a monthly networking breakfast and a monthly luncheon with an educational focus.

The NAREB's Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Dallas this year will provide members both computer and technology training.

The highlight of each year for the Realists is their annual Gala, a black-tie banquet fundraiser.

The proceeds from this event provide scholarships for high school seniors in Oakland. The high point of the evening is the presentation of the scholarships to the students, as their families proudly watch.

This year NAREB celebrates its 36th annual gala, having awarded \$125,000 in scholarship money over the years.

In addition at the banquet, Realtor member companies award Homebuyer Grants. Selection for the grants is based on need.

"I chose to be a part of ARPB," stated Becton, "because it provides an extra voice in the community. A voice that addresses issues of housing for low income and minority families. Realists believe everyone should have a chance to buy a home."

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Taking a magical history tour

Number 354 in a series of true experiences in real estate

For the past few weeks I've been researching the history of a Berkeley building we will be putting on the market. At first I was just curious about who had owned the building over the years, then I became obsessed.

The owner had told us that when she bought the building in the early 1970s, it belonged to a Japanese family who ran a grocery store on the lower floor and that several generations of this family shared living quarters upstairs. She said that the day she first saw the property, the grandfather was working in the large garden on the side of the building grafting fruit trees.

Maybe it was this warm image that caused me to want to know more about this family. That and seeing the "rice room" located behind the former grocery store space. This room, now used as a regular closet, held the rice sold to store customers.

More fascination: halfway up the stairs to the living area is a long, narrow room which is referred to as the "hidden room." The story goes that in past years people hid there from the authorities. At the time the door was a sliding panel and there were no windows in the room.

Standing outside the building now and looking up at the room, I can imagine how it must have looked, how well disguised it was when it was simply a part of the wood siding.

I wanted to know more about this building and its owners. But where to start? Twenty-five years had passed since the Japanese family had lived there, I did not know how to reach them, and my initial inquiries did not produce any infor-

mation about Japanese groceries in Berkeley.

And so, Anet and I went to the Berkeley permit files to see what we could see. Among other entries, we found one that was especially intriguing. The handwritten notes were blurred making it impossible to be sure, but it appeared to us that permit #349 was issued for new construction to the Misses C. & M.A. McGee in 1909. Cost of construction: \$4250.

This certainly piqued our interest: the building had apparently been built as a dwelling for two women in 1909 and their name was McGee. Could they be related to the McGee for whom the nearby street was named?

We next went to the library hoping to discover who McGee was and if he had women relatives with initials matching those on the permit. I was disappointed to learn that books I have used in the past to research Berkeley pioneers are currently in storage awaiting construction of a new library. The books won't be available for a couple of years.

It was at this point that I called the Placer Title Company plant in San Leandro to request assistance from Judy Gibson. Judy helped me a year or so ago when I was gathering information about James Woolsey (who also has a Berkeley street named for him), and she was happy, she said, to take a look at the deeds for the McGee property.

As it turned out, Judy became engrossed in the search too, especially when she learned that Mary Ann and Catherine McGee had owned the building plus two adjacent parcels, and that nearby streets had borne their names.

Early plat maps show Mary Street (now McKinley) and Catherine Street (now Roosevelt) in a large tract bounded by Dwight

Way, California, Martin Luther King Jr. Way (formerly Sherman) and Addison Street. The original map of this 117 acre tract was filed by James McGee in 1886.

Judy was unable to locate the property deed to the women, but she did find and copy for me a number of plats and deed transfers covering the years from 1909 to 1946.

We were pretty sure that Catherine and Mary Ann (affectionately referred to as "the girls" by Judy) were sisters and that, very likely, they were the daughters of James McGee, but I wanted to know for sure.

Ken Cardwell of the Berkeley Historical Society thought he remembered that McGee was an Irish Catholic who was early involved with St. Joseph's Church in Berkeley. He suggested that I contact St. Joseph's (now St. Joseph the Worker Church) to ask about their birth records.

Meanwhile, wonderful Judy turned up a centennial reprint of an 1878 Alameda County Directory which lists James McGee of Oakland, a farmer from Ireland, who arrived in this county and state in 1854. I remembered that one of the streets in the McGee tract was named St. Joseph (now Jefferson). The pieces were coming together.

I called St. Joseph's and was given the name of Jeanne Loughman, a parishioner who had in 1978 assisted in writing the history of that parish. Jeanne confirmed that indeed Catherine and Mary Ann were James' daughters and that the ladies had lived in the upper floor of their building until they had died there in 1940. Sadly, they had died penniless.

Immediately I called Judy to report the year that "the girls" had died and added that they had been

True Experiences



By Tarpoff and Talbert

without funds at the end. This last bit of information was particularly interesting to Judy and to me because we had been talking about the deeds recorded against the property during the years the ladies had lived there.

Three different loans had been taken out using the building as security: \$4,500 in 1929, \$8,600 in 1935, and the last, only \$2,500 in 1936. The third loan had gone into default for nonpayment. We wondered why the loan hadn't been paid and we speculated together over what the rest of the story was.

We knew that the sisters had split up the ownership of their three parcels in 1935. Mary Ann kept "our" parcel with the building on it. Catherine got the other two.

What was the reason for the division? We didn't know. Perhaps the largest loan in 1936 was taken to build on one of the lots? Whatever the reason, and much remains a mystery, Catherine deeded her lots back to the lenders because, it seems, there was no money to repay the loan.

And now we knew that the sisters had died in 1940. This explained why the property was sold in 1941 to satisfy the last loan of only \$2,500. The ladies may not have had any heirs, or if they did, the heirs could not pay it either. The building, curiously, went to another single woman, someone by the name of Paula Lanz.

see TARPOFF on page B6

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 2608 Fir Av - \$310,000
 1109 Lafayette St - \$425,000
 1109 Laguna Vista - \$481,000
 1109 Laguna Vista - \$439,500
 1109 Lincoln Av - \$515,000
 1109 Marshall Wy - \$335,000
 1109 14th St - \$395,000
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ALBANY
 555 Pierce St #137 - \$248,000
 1285 Portland Av - \$421,000

BERKELEY
 1101 Alston Wy - \$380,000
 1101 Alston Wy - \$405,000
 1101 Berkeley St - \$221,500
 1101 Berkeley St - \$285,000
 1101 Bonita Av - \$450,000
 1347 Channing Wy - \$262,000
 1111 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$705,000
 1101 Hawthorne Tr - \$560,000
 1739 McGee Av - \$429,000
 2201 McGee Av - \$340,000

CERRITO
 828 Ashbury Av - \$375,000
 567 Barrett Av - \$380,000
 102 Carmel Av - \$420,000
 2114 Cedar St - \$286,500
 1805 Ganges Av - \$455,000
 850 Lexington Av - \$190,000
 845 South 53rd St - \$250,500

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 255 Park View Tr - \$740,000

RICHMOND
 2934 Andrade Av - \$228,000
 226 Barrett Av - \$135,000
 700 Bradford Dr - \$168,000
 3313 Brentwood Av - \$309,000
 3131 Center Av - \$193,000
 5481 Cerro Sur Dr - \$396,000
 926 Chanslor Av - \$205,000
 6001 Columbia Av - \$290,000
 312 Commodore Dr - \$249,000
 2546 Downer Av - \$185,000
 261 Duboce Av - \$83,000
 1417 Dunn Av - \$175,000
 3519 Esmond Av - \$185,000
 2431 Groveview Ct - \$245,000
 671 Humboldt St - \$270,000
 4116 Jenkins Wy - \$134,000
 122 Malcolm Dr - \$179,000
 119 Marcus Av - \$172,500
 2423 Maricopa Av - \$210,000
 4629 Olive Ct - \$135,000
 154 South 15th St - \$100,000
 418 South 15th St - \$125,500
 333 South 15th St - \$193,000
 806 South 47th St - \$270,000
 3699 South Stoneglen - \$165,000
 57 Southwind Cr - \$492,000

WENINGTON
 247 Colusa Av - \$285,000
 400 Coventry Rd - \$419,000
 5 Kenyon Av - \$750,000

OAKLAND
 75 100th Av - \$231,000
 940 107th Av - \$146,500
 3 10th St - \$210,000
 320 26th Av - \$189,000
 872 47th St - \$310,000
 640 53rd St - \$381,000
 62 54th St - \$280,000
 2568 62nd Av - \$182,000
 250 65th Av - \$230,000
 84 69th Av - \$92,000
 3111 72nd Av - \$170,000
 260 75th Av - \$195,000
 3892 76th Av - \$193,000
 123 77th Av - \$80,000
 226 83rd Av - \$315,000
 901 87th Av - \$103,500
 4148 Bay St - \$439,000
 4 Bowles Pl - \$589,000
 5882 Broadway Trail - \$405,000

3425 Brunell Dr - \$750,000
 14 Clipper Hill - \$814,500
 3131 Cuthbert Av #307 - \$126,000
 10321 Dante Av - \$173,500
 8415 Dowling St - \$80,000
 523 East 17th St - \$165,000
 1101 East 20th St - \$205,000
 2437 East 28th St - \$225,000
 1641 East 33rd St - \$245,000
 3400 Eden Ln - \$216,000
 2517 Filbert St - \$140,000
 10901 Foothill Bl - \$170,000
 3721 Fruitvale Av #A - \$280,000
 1961 Gaspar Dr - \$230,500
 4885 Geranium Pl - \$470,000
 6008 Harmon Av - \$235,000
 4551 Heafey Rd - \$735,500
 7628 Hillmont Dr - \$415,000
 5630 Holmst Way - \$155,000
 551 Jean St #104 - \$145,000
 548 Jones Av - \$117,000
 3362 Jordan Rd - \$355,000
 4806 Lawton Av - \$335,000
 2917 MacArthur #3C - \$163,000
 6630 MacArthur - \$135,000
 245 Montecito Av - \$289,000
 22 Moss Av #111 - \$312,000
 2318 Myrtle St - \$213,000
 3916 Patterson Av - \$415,000
 1808 Pleasant Valley Av - \$401,000
 2645 Prentiss Pl - \$442,000
 3600 Richmond Bl - \$325,000
 672 Santa Ray Av - \$585,000
 1155 Sunnyhills Rd - \$282,000
 10826 Sunnyside St - \$203,000
 563 Valavista Av - \$674,000
 7506 Weld St - \$140,500
 700 West MacArthur Bl - \$210,000
 288 Whitmore St #201 - \$140,000

518 Tewksbury Av - \$215,000
 2807 Wendell Av - \$185,000
 367 Western Dr - \$1,400,000
 523 Williams Dr - \$147,000

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1585 141st Av - \$280,000
 756 Billings Bl - \$248,000
 330 Broadmoor Bl - \$309,000
 1132 Carpenter #411 - \$217,000
 14491 Doolittle Dr - \$190,000
 996 Douglas Ct - \$245,000
 70 Estabrook St - \$264,000
 2003 Evelleth Av - \$340,000
 3447 Figueroa Dr - \$298,000
 866 Hutchings Dr - \$285,000
 1912 Linwood Wy - \$284,000
 1399 Sayre St - \$255,000
 195 Suffolk Dr - \$238,000
 707 Victoria Av - \$375,000
 778 Woodgate Ct - \$253,000

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15718 Via Colusa - \$310,000
 146 Via Linares - \$255,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$665,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$439,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$458,955

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$248,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$421,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$334,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 10
 LOWEST PRICE: \$221,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$705,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$413,750

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7
 LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$455,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$336,714

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$140,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$450,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$295,000

see SALES on page 6

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Piedmont-Very Stylish \$689,000
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Crocker Highlands Shingle \$595,000
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Piedmont Colonial \$575,000
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FROM PAGE B4

How I would like to learn more about Catherine and Mary Ann — who they were, what they cared for, what they did for their lives. I do know, from the St. Joseph history, that their father in 1877 gifted a corner of his farm to the Sisters of the Presentation for a school. It was his carriage that met the sisters at the ferry when they relocated from San Francisco.

Catherine and Mary Ann's parents supported the church in numerous ways. They supplied the convent with milk from their farm, donated a sanctuary lamp, and there is still today a window in the church erected in their memory.

But there are large gaps in the family story. And I have been unable to learn more about the Japanese family who later owned the property. (I did reach the daughter-in-law of the man who grafted the fruit trees. She says there is no one left who knows anything of the time.)

Reid

FROM PAGE B3

RE/MAX AGENTS

RE/MAX of California & Hawaii is planning their 19th Annual Regional Awards Celebration. Entitled "Night Fever", it will be an evening of recognition, refreshments and entertainment.

"Night Fever" will be held prior to the RE/MAX International Convention. The celebration will be in San Diego Saturday, Feb. 24.

To find out more contact the RE/MAX regional Advertising Manager, Jeff Camp at 800-227-3629 or jcamp@realestatenet.com.

WHERE DID THEY GO? WHAT DID THEY DO?

Laura Raney, broker-owner of Vintage Mortgage announced the addition of Margie Lupo to Vintage. Lupo has been a Mortgage Loan Consultant for the last four years. She began her eighteen year career as an escrow officer in the mortgage title industry.

Lupo, a lifelong East Bay resident, grew up in San Leandro. She specializes in first-time homebuyers and conducts workshops to educate the buyer.

She maintains ties with family and friends in the central county

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Catherine Hays of Fleet Mortgage is the 2001 President of the California Association of Residential Lenders East Bay Chapter.

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Alameda's Gregg Fujita of Harbor Bay Realty was a speaker at the CRS National Sell-A-Bration in Pal Springs.

The Certified Residential Specialist's Sales Rally, "2001: Success Odyssey", combined keynote speakers and educational sessions.

Fujita spoke on "Let Technology Do The Work For You". Fujita can be reached at 510-522-6222.

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Bobbie Reid is a freelance writer and columnist. She is a California real estate licensee and has been an active affiliate member of the industry since 1988.

Sales

FROM PAGE B5

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$419,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$484,667

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 58
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$814,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$283,681

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$740,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 31
LOWEST PRICE: \$83,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,400,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$193,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$246,419

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$375,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$264,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,067

History is about people, and people, how they live, what they do and think, are constantly fascinating. Guess I like history after all.

Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents who specialize in single family houses. They also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached by e-mail at patanet@lmi.net or by phone at 510-653-2050.

Free drainage seminar

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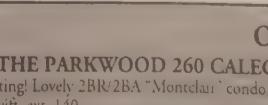
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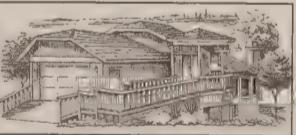


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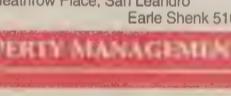
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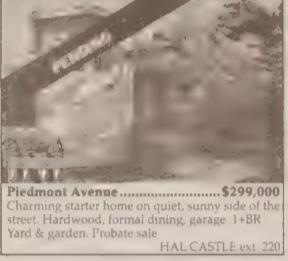
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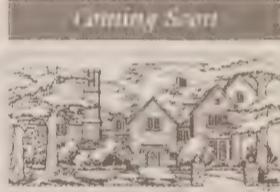


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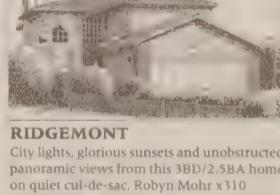
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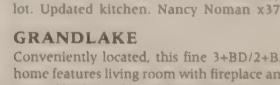
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City lights, glorious sunsets and unobstructed panoramic views from this 3BD/2.5BA home on quiet cul-de-sac. Robyn Mohr x310



OAKLAND HILLS
Beautifully situated overlooking a golf course in the Oakland Hills. 3BD/2.5BA. The family room has vaulted ceiling, excellent window placement, hardwood floors and a fireplace. Michelle Miller x335



OAKLAND HILLS
Attractive and lovely all-level home beautifully situated on a corner lot featuring 4BD/2.5BA, family room with brick fireplace, recessed lighting and french doors leading to patio, custom fireplace in spacious living room which opens to a fully landscaped garden, updated kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors, 2-car garage. Rosalie Woods x324



ROCK RIDGE
2+BD/1.5BA. Stylish contemporary. Floor-to-ceiling windows, French doors to extra large lot. Updated kitchen. Nancy Noman x373



GRANDLAKE
Conveniently located, this fine 3+BD/2+BA home features living room with fireplace and original built-ins, formal dining room and updated kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x307

OAKLAND HILLS

This wonderful home boasts designer paint choices and crown moldings. 3+BD/3BA and a terrific family room which opens out to a large level and private garden. Leslie Gordon x327

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RIDGE MONT \$929,000
13778 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30) Outstanding! Approximately .66 acres. 4BD/3BA, including luxurious master suite with private retreat. Updated kitchen. Glorious canyon and Bay vistas. Anne Feste x371



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MONTCLAIR \$439,000
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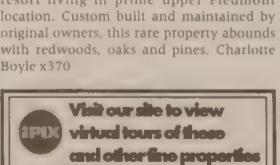
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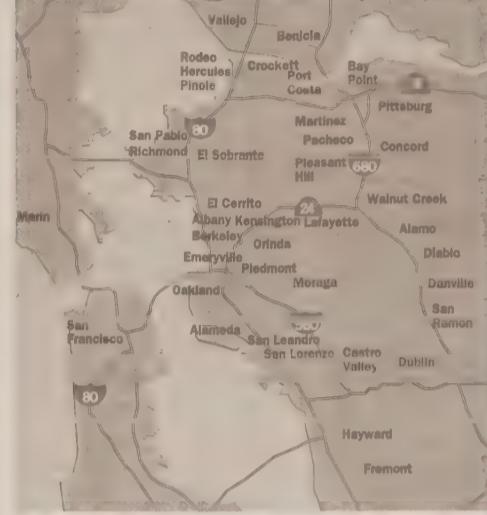
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Coffee end

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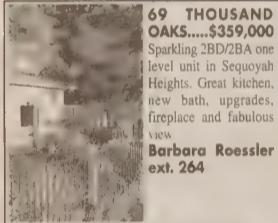
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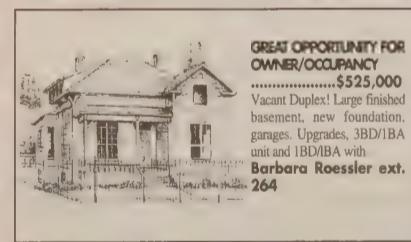
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UCPA ends All-Star grid commitment

Thirty-five-year run comes to an end; W. County links recalled

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Golden Gate decided at an executive board meeting in Oakland on Tuesday night to end its sponsorship of the annual high school football all-star game.

"We decided not to do it," UCP Development Director Helen Greenwood said Wednesday. "It is effective immediately. It is taking up too much time and resources that we have. It was getting harder for us to run. It's no longer a fund-raiser for us."

The Times United Cerebral Palsy All Star Football Classic, the formal title of the event formal title, began in

1966 with the first game being held at Pittsburg High School. The game featured players from Alameda County high schools against their counterparts in Contra Costa County. Over the 35 years of its existence, the game has been held at the Oakland Coliseum, St. Mary's College, Eells Field at Antioch and Tak Pudenna Stadium in Fremont. The game has been held at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill since 1983. It is played in either July or August.

Greenwood cited several difficulties in holding the game: competition with other all-star games, inconsistent commitments from the players and conflicting time schedules from college programs.

"It was just getting harder to allocate our limited resources for the game," Greenwood said. "It is disappointing, but our main function is to provide services for the handicapped."

UCP sent out letters to advisory coaches Frank Milo of El Cerrito and

Rick Sira of Amador Valley last October informing them of the impending decision. Both Milo and Sira had coached in the game and have been involved for several years in selecting the players. In a letter dated Oct. 25 to both coaches, Greenwood stated that UCP has "very serious concerns" about the game.

"First it is apparent that our All-Star Classic has formidable competition in not one, but two statewide all-star games that take place during the same time," the letter stated.

It went on to say that "both of our teams had some difficulty recruiting and keeping players."

"I am disappointed," said Milo, having been informed of the decision to terminate the game. "Only one or perhaps two players from this area participate in other all-star games. This game gave players a chance for more local exposure who otherwise you not get it."

Milo did acknowledge the fact the roster changes have happened more

changed their mind, but I guess it is not the case."

The UCP organization, Greenwood said, is not actively seeking another sponsor to continue the game. "But we are willing to help," she said. "We will offer advice and counsel to any interested parties."

The Contra Costa Times is a co-sponsor of the event. Many players from the West County area have participated in the game throughout the years. Recent participants include David Rose (El Cerrito), Billy Zeier (Albany), and Paki Gordon (St. Mary's).

Milo has coached the Contra Costa All-Stars, once in 1971 when he was at Richmond High, and in 1985 when he was the El Cerrito coach. Other past coaches from the area include John Nules (El Cerrito, 1966), Ben Hammond and Steve Wren (El Cerrito, 1985), Dan Shaughnessy (1992, St. Mary's), Grover Garvin (Berkeley, 1967), John Martinez (Berkeley, 1974) and Anthony Freeman (Albany, 2000).

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frequently the past couple of years. "We had as many as seven or eight roster changes in a year and they have occurred with more frequency the last couple of years."

"I was hoping (UCP) they would



IN A BATTLE with Dublin's Kendall Cartnell (right), El Cerrito's Katie Eames (19) fought for possession of the ball. Playing in Dublin Feb. 14, Eames scored the Gaucho's lone goal as the Gaels rolled to a 6-1 win in the opening round of the NCS 2A playoffs.

Gaucho's season ends in Dublin

First NCS appearance in five years caps great season

By Curtis Pashelka

TIMES-STAFF WRITER

DUBLIN — Give Robert Sackey credit for being honest. The El Cerrito High School girls soccer coach knew that if his team didn't get beat by Dublin on Wednesday, it would probably happen Saturday against Carondelet.

Unfortunately for Sackey, the blowout happened sooner than later, as the Gauchos were dominated by Dublin in a 6-1 loss in the first round of the North Coast Section 2A playoffs.

With the win, the eighth-seeded Gaels (10-5-6) will play Carondelet (17-1-2) at De La Salle in Concord on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

"I guess it's better to have this happen now than against Carondelet," Sackey said. "Carondelet is about 10 times better than (Dublin)."

The Gaels took control from the

NCS girls' soccer

Dublin 6
El Cerrito 1

outset. After getting three quality scoring chances in the first 10 minutes, Dublin grabbed a 1-0 lead when freshman Nicole Irwin converted a penalty kick in the 12th minute. The Gaels were given the penalty kick after an El Cerrito player was whistled for a hand ball inside the box.

Three minutes later, Kasey Gilmore made it a 2-0 game when her shot from 30 yards out slipped through the hands Gauchos goalkeeper Jenna Brace.

Irwin potted her second goal of the contest in the 22nd minute. After she took a pass from Danielle Wiedeman in the slot, she fired it home for a 3-0 Dublin advantage.

"We weren't as aggressive as they were in the early going. They wanted it more," said Sackey, whose team was making its first NCS appearance since 1995. "They played hard right from the (opening) whistle. They looked like they were having fun out there."

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Guards down, Panthers fall

Flu bug knocks out three guards; playoffs still on horizon

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

PIEDMONT — The St. Mary's girls basketball team is hanging in there.

The Panthers (12-14, 6-7 in the Bay Shore Athletic League) have finished play in the regular season. But coach Don Lawson believes his team has a shot at the BSAL playoffs.

"I think we're in," he said after the guard-less Panthers dropped a 47-36 decision to Piedmont Tuesday night. "I think we got the sixth and final place and we'll be in the playoffs Tuesday."

Lawson added: "The worst we'll do is tie with St. Elizabeth and we beat them twice, so we win head-to-head," he said.

"This (Piedmont) game meant a

lot to us, pushing into the playoffs. We showed we could play with the upper tier (teams) and we've got our act together going into the end of the season. Basically we are two wins away from the finals and going to North Coast Section."

It would have helped immensely if St. Mary's had managed to defeat the Highlanders (17-8, 10-1), but the team was missing three guards and paid for it in the latter stages of the game when the Highlanders started pressing and the Panthers started turning the ball over.

Veronica Rios-Reddick, Meghan Leary and Taliah Kirven all missed the game due to the flu and Lawson ended up rotating four forwards in the guard spots.

"Ball-handling was definitely lacking," he said. "The low-post players are used to having the ball brought

Prep girls' basketball

Piedmont 47
St. Mary's 36

Trio sparks Berkeley wrestlers

STAFF REPORT

Berkeley High School wrestlers Michael Appleberry, Owen Gould and Tsehayu Bantidagne each placed first in their respective weight classes when the Yellowjackets hosted the Berkeley Bay Bridge Tournament last Saturday.

Appleberry highlighted the tournament with a remarkable return to the mat after a long layoff. Appleberry, idled by a knee injury suffered in the Clayton Valley Tournament last month, demolished the rest of the field to win the 154-pound championship.

Gould, who wrestled as if he owned the tournament, won the 162-pound championship. Bantidagne led a Berkeley sweep of the top four places at 137. Christie Raveria placed second. Nic Riley was third and Luc Maheu was fourth.

The tournament brought together high school teams

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Berkeley takes control in league

Wins over Spartans, Hornets have Yellowjackets atop standings

By Marc Carig
TIMES-STAFF WRITER

Berkeley took full control of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys basketball race with a 67-58 victory against depleted league rival Pinole Valley on Friday.

Pinole Valley entered the game in second place, trailing Berkeley by 2½ games and with hopes of avenging

Prep boys' basketball

Berkeley 59
Pinole 54

Instead, the first-place Yellowjackets controlled most of the game and led by as many as 20.

Ryan Davis led the Yellowjackets with 24 points.

"This was going to be a first-place showdown until we got hit with this," Pinole Valley head coach Mark

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Gauchos handle Carter, pull away

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

In a basketball game that featured two of the region's top four scorers, it figured that a defensive maneuver would play a big part in the game.

On Tuesday, El Cerrito High School double and triple-teamed Richmond's Damien Carter, who entered the contest with a 29.2 points per game average, tops in the region. Carter had poured in 43 points on Jan. 19 as Richmond nearly upset El Cerrito before falling 77-74 in overtime.

Prep boys' basketball

El Cerrito 77
Richmond 57
(OT)

The Gauchos' strategy worked Tuesday, as Carter's shots were limited and he finished with 15 points. El Cerrito's offense had had trouble as four players reached double figures in a 77-57 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League victory.

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ROBERT BRAUNSTEIN
Focus on Sports

Focusing
on the beat

the annual United Cerebral Palsy All-Star football game is in jeopardy. Coaches were in a letter recently informing me in the game would not be held this summer. I talked with Coach Milo from El Cerrito and Coach Sira from Amador Valley, both of whom were surprised by the announcement. Both coaches have been involved with the game for several years.

the July all-star game matches best senior football players from Alameda County against the from Contra Costa County. It's a heated rivalry over the years with some great players participating. It's their last high school game and something the players look forward to. A similar game on the Peninsula was canceled five years ago and the players are still here. I hope there's a another sponsor can take the game and keep it going.

Teenagers. What do they want? I don't know. They aren't the slightest idea. Probably I don't think they know what they want.

I remember my teen-age years (not that long ago) as a time of confusion, angst, worry and, confusion. Take the Newark Memorial High School boys basketball team, for instance.

last week there was a revolt on that team. I like all of these guys. Cheo White and Matt Hoffman are two of my favorite players in the Bay Area. Not only are they great players but nice guys and real leaders on the court. Craig Ashmore is a nice coach. He admits he yells a lot, but, hey, that's his personality.

The fact is Ashmore cares about players and that's always No. 1. I like that he also wins an every year. They were in an early season tournament last week. Newark Memorial lost its first Sun Valley Athletic League game in two years this past week in Washington, D.C. losses happen, especially in basketball when you play so many games. Newark was about to lose sometime — it just happened to come sooner than expected. Problem here is the players didn't know what to do and blamed the coaches. Most of the players argue for practice and were selected for the next game at Newark Irvington. Newark lost

The question is what did the coaches players hope to accomplish by doing this? I don't have an answer. Coach Ashmore had to tell the players to show them rules. Hopefully the team got together and talked about what to do.

Confusion is the key. You have to remember a loss means everything to the players. They were crushed, they want to lose and they were confused for reasons why. In their defense, the coaches messed up — it might be right. Coaches are up, but so do players. The price is to pay the price, and then go on.

It's a quality team that can again this season.

My soccer doesn't get much coverage: Part II. This week the soccer playoffs are in both the North Coast Section and Central Coast Section. Sections have scheduled all first-round games on Wednesday. You can tell no newspaper reporters at all these different sites at the same time. At focus will be on the same day. We'll play day and night in different locations, and mix up

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Braunstein

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the days? The NCS, at least, has two games being played at the same location on Wednesday. We'll shoot both games and fans will get to see lots of great soccer. I realize with so many games, home sites are essential. But if you mix up the times and days more people can see more games, which means additional revenue for the sections and more exposure for the athletes.

One soccer game we could have missed was held this past Friday night. Hayward was playing Arroyo at Burrell Field for the Hayward Area Athletic League title. Hayward won the regular season crown, but lost to Arroyo on Thursday, forcing the point game. I had called Moreau athletic director Don Morneau, whose school was

hosting the match, earlier in the day to make sure the game would be played rain or shine. He guaranteed me it would.

"Unless there's lightning close by, we'll play," he said.

Our cameraman Mark Willis called the station at half time saying there was heavy rain, hail, and yes, lightning all around. My advice was stay away from the light poles and he'd be all right.

I have no idea if that's true, but it sounded good at the time.

The game ended in a tie. Smart league officials gave the title to Hayward and called the game because of the weather.

That's part III of why soccer doesn't get much coverage — it's too dangerous!

Robert Braunstein is host of KICU-TV's Sports Focus program, which airs Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and again Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Gauchos

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El Cerrito's Franco Harris, ranked fourth in the region with 20.8 points per game, paced the Gauchos (9-14, 5-4 ACCAL) with 20 points.

"The biggest thing with Harris is that he wants to play basketball," El Cerrito coach Brent Daniels said. "Whether it's shooting or finding the open man, he wants to play hard. I think Carter and Harris are competitors. They're looking to help their teams."

Harris made Richmond pay from the perimeter with five 3-pointers. But he also racked up seven assists, including four lobbs to James Brown for dunks.

"My role on the team is to get everybody involved," Harris said. "We're a team. Everybody needs to score to win the game, not just me."

Carter also looked to get his team

involved. One player who benefited from Carter's unselfish play was senior Michael Hall, who paced Richmond (3-15, 0-10) with 20 points. Hall also had seven rebounds and five blocked shots.

"I try to get everybody involved, because I know my shots will come," Carter said. "I try to get everybody on the same page."

El Cerrito never trailed as it took a 14-4 lead with three minutes, 29 seconds left in the first quarter on a Harris 3-pointer. The Gauchos held a 25-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and a double-digit lead for the rest of the game.

Brown added 19 points, including 12 in the first half for El Cerrito. Terri Lyles grabbed a game-high nine rebounds and added 12 points, while Kenneth James had 13 points and six assists.

Kamathi Harris poured in 10 points for Richmond, and Leonard Neal added six assists.

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Post game:

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SCHEDULE ... The BSAL play-offs get underway Feb. 20.

Panthers

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to them. We had people playing out of position."

St. Mary's managed to hang with the Highlanders who, for some reason, brought their "C" game offensively. Piedmont was 16 out 64 from the foul line in the first half. The Highlanders managed to play their usual desultory first quarter and were tied 8-8.

Amazingly, the Panthers kept pace in the second quarter as Heidi Spurgeon and Jennifer Scott each had four points and the team went into the half down only 22-21. There was hope for the Panthers as long as the Highlanders slept.

But Piedmont's Katie Leahy decided to get offensive and it came at the wrong time for St. Mary's. The Panthers were still hanging around at 30-26, when the senior forward took over. Through a span that bridged four minutes through the third and fourth quarters, Leahy scored 10 straight points to none for the Panthers. The Piedmont lead ballooned to 40-26.

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Wrestle

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from both sides of the Bay. For Berkeley, it also served as a tune-up for this Saturday's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championship tournament at St. Patrick's-St. Vincent High in Vallejo.

In other events, Kris Austin placed second at 127 pounds.

Sarah Rivera earned third place at 105 pounds in one of the most exciting matches of the day. Rivera was down 5-2 well into the third period when she pinned her Oakland High opponent.

At 114 pounds, Yellowjackets Carlo Cornejo and Dyamen Bey advanced to face one another in the consolation final. The two also were very well matched. Bey looked

quicker, but Cornejo capitalized on a tiny mistake for the win.

For this tournament, the 142- and 147-pounders wrestled in a combined weight division. Theodore Gould didn't win, but made a valiant effort against the stronger, more experienced wrestlers in this weight class.

In much the same manner, Eric Aki wrestled gamely against some very tough competition at 119 pounds. Aki's performance was made more remarkable by the fact that he moved up from 114 pounds. Aki willingly accepted the move as the 114-pound class overflowed with entrants.

One part missing from the tournament was the 132-pound competition. At most meets, Berkeley's Parker Robinson would easily dominate the field. But Robinson was out with the flu. Still, no other wrestlers showed up to compete in this class.

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El Cerrito baseball gala

El Cerrito Youth Baseball will kick off its 2001 season with an opening-day parade, ceremony and festivities on Saturday, March 3. The celebration begins with the parade, starting at 10 a.m. at El Cerrito High School. The parade will proceed northbound to Asbury Avenue to Moeser Lane, ending at

Cerrito Vista Park. A hot dog lunch and ECYB T-shirts will be sold. For details, call 527-5603.

Softball clinic

Oakland Bobby Sox will offer its annual all girls clinic for players ages 7-15 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at John Marshall Field on Sunday, February 18. The clinic will be conducted by the St. Mary's College softball coaches and players. A mandatory coaches clinic will follow from 1-2 p.m. To get to John Marshall field, take the 106th Street exit off I-580, and proceed east up the hill on Malcolm. Players should bring gloves, tennis shoes and dress warmly. Call 339-7288 and leave a message with any questions.

STANDINGS

NCS soccer pairings

2A Girls

First round

Wednesday's results

- Dublin 6, No. 9 El Cerrito (9-7-3)
- No. 7 Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-8-3) bye
- No. 8 Dublin (Diablo Foothill Athletic League, 10-5-6) vs. No. 1 Carondelet (Bay Valley Athletic League, 17-1-2*), at De La Salle HS, 5:30 p.m.
- No. 5 Salesian (Bay Shore Athletic League, 16-3-0) at No. 4 Acalanes (DFAL, 15-3-2*), 5:30
- Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-8-3) at No. 2 Piedmont (BSAL, 18-2-1*), 7:30 p.m.
- No. 6 Las Lomas (DFAL, 10-5-5) vs. No. 3 Bishop O'Dowd (HAAL, 17-3-3*), at Burrell Field, San Leandro, 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Wed., Feb. 21

Championship, Sat., Feb. 24

2A Boys

First round

Wednesday's results

- Bishop O'Dowd 4, No. 9 St. Joseph (9-8-3) 0
- No. 7 Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-7-3) bye
- No. 8 Bishop O'Dowd (HAAL, 11-7-3) at No. 1 Acalanes (DFAL, 14-0-6*), 7:30 p.m.
- No. 4 Northgate (DFAL, 11-4-5) at No. 5 Miramonte (DFAL, 11-5-4), 7:30 p.m.
- Moreau Catholic (HAAL, 10-7-3) at No. 2 St. Patrick/St. Vincent (BSAL, 13-1-2*), 7:30 p.m.
- No. 3 Kennedy (BSAL, 11-2-1) at No. 6 Las Lomas (DFAL, 9-3-6), 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Wed., Feb. 21

Championship, Sat., Feb. 24

3A Girls

First round

Wednesday's results

- College Park 1, No. 9 Castro Valley (11-5-4) 0, penalty kicks
- Livermore 2, No. 7 Arroyo (17-5-2) 0
- No. 8 College Park (DFAL, 15-3-3) vs. No. 1 California (EBAL, 14-0-2*), at Foothill HS, 5:30
- No. 5 Mission San Jose (Mission Valley Athletic League, 12-2-1*) at No. 4 Foothill (EBAL, 8-7-2), 7:30 p.m.
- No. 10 Livermore (EBAL, 10-8-3) at No. 2 Monte Vista (EBAL, 16-3-1), 5:30 p.m.
- No. 3 Amador Valley (EBAL, 13-3-1) at No. 6 Berkeley (ACCAL, 12-6-1*), 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Wed., Feb. 21

Championship, Sat., Feb. 24

3A Boys

First round

Wednesday's results

- Ygnacio Valley 4, No. 9 Hayward (14-6-4*) 1
- No. 10 Castro Valley 1, No. 7 James Logan (MVAL, 12-7-4), 0
- No. 8 Ygnacio Valley (BVAL, 11-6-3) at No. 1 Monte Vista (EBAL, 16-2-2*), 7:30 p.m.
- No. 5 Mission San Jose (MVAL, 11-6-4) at No. 4 Amador Valley (EBAL, 13-3-4), 7:30 p.m.
- No. 10 Castro Valley (HAAL, 13-5-6) at No. 2 De La Salle (BVAL, 16-2-2*), 7:30 p.m.
- No. 3 Washington (MVAL, 15-1-3*) at No. 6 Richmond (ACCAL, 15-2*), 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Wed., Feb. 21

Championship, Sat., Feb. 24

* Designated league champion

NCS

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The Gauchos (9-7-3) drew within two goals just before halftime with the help of some persistent play from senior Katie Eames. After stealing the ball near midfield, Eames recorded El Cerrito's first shot on net in the 37th minute with a blast from the side that Gaels goalkeeper Kelly Beck punched away.

But three minutes later, Eames made no mistake as she caught the Dublin defense napping and fired a shot to make the score 3-1.

Dublin quickly re-established control in the second half as Irwin completed the hat trick with a goal in the 46th minute. Samantha Cisneros and Mallory Lee rounded out the scoring for the Gaels.

Now the Gaels have the unenviable task of preparing for one of the top high school teams in Northern California.

"We'll give (Carondelet) a run for their money," said Dublin coach Ron Krumback, who had his hair dyed red and blue for the occasion. "We'll see what they've got. I know that a few of them we here watching us tonight."

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Berkeley 66, Alameda

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St. Mary's 77, Pleasanton. St. Mary's straight up, 16-4, season win in Bay play.

Playing in Berkeley, Freeman paced St. Mary's 0 BSAL) with 17 points. Teammate John 13 points and six steals fell to 2-8 in league action.

"It feels great," Gragnani said.

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Arts

Sappy 'November' is still sweet

Reeves' believability and Theron's charm save this otherwise hackneyed flick

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Here, Kitty Kitty: It's possible to watch too many PBS and cable-TV animal shows, I've recently decided. If you're a heavy viewer of nature shows, you need to make a clear distinction between television nature and the genuine wildlife. Park rangers can tell you stories about city folks who act needlessly and put their lives in danger out in the wild. I almost did the other day, and I'm not even an animal.

We live in a rural area on the edges of the Bay Area. Eight or nine deer live in our back field, more or less permanently. Last year our fawn even moved in under our front porch and regularly caused the hell out of our UPS and FedEx couriers. They'd show up with a package, and the deer would get spooked and bolt. Prey.

Then, last year, wild turkeys began appearing in our little valley. A hen at first, and that was great. But then, without any predators to thin her, it's up to 50 or so gobblers.

My neighbor the vineyard owner hates them because turkeys eat his grapes. (Around here, we're partial to pinot noir.) And if oversized wild gobblers get in our garage or onto your deck, it's time to call a milo away. I hear a lot of them as I'm writing this, in fact, about 100 yards away in a neighbor's field.

The Wall Street Journal recently ran a weekend piece on the increasingly popular sport of wild turkey hunting, noting how elusive the big gobblers are (although they look awesomely stupid), and how hard they are for hunters to track. The Journal piece said some hunters are paying \$500 a custom-made wild-turkey call.

I don't want to hunt them; I just want them to go away. More

and when you have prey, of course, you usually get predators. And occasionally (usually when it's a full moon) we'll hear coyotes howling over in the next valley about a half mile away. But they almost certainly because of the excess venison and white tail running around here, the coyotes have started coming down out of our valley. They are handsome animals. (So far, I've only seen them)

Lapping off today's real-life tale of "Wild Kingdom": One last week I was driving home and when I saw something off in the distance that immediately grabbed my attention. It was a lion, but there it was: Down in a field, about 250 yards away from the car, stood a full-grown lion, his eyes glowing madly. I couldn't believe my eyes. My grip on reality was lost — I'd seen cougars hundreds of times on "Nature." I even saw a picture of one as my computer's screen saver. But here was a lion in the flesh. I'd seen lions in the wild, but this was

real.

Did I head the other direction like most rational people would? No, like an idiot, I stopped, got out of my car, jumped out, and was approaching the big beast, my video camera. Fortunately and predictably, the big cat immediately ran off, heading toward a nearby creekbed. I'd had a closer look — and video — and I'd actually seen a lion in the wild before. A few minutes later, I realized this had been a really stupid plan. Still, it had been even dumber — to pursue a cat further into the bushes. (This cat story, Martin

Reeves' proof the big cat I'd foolishly pursued was not a meal. An hour later, I'd found a dead deer near his place and a hole in it, which he said was a sign of a mountain lion. The cougar had been in his direction when I

I'm not exactly a stranger to MANN, Page C5



KEANU REEVES plays a workaholic who is saved by a gregarious Charlize Theron in "Sweet November."

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It's a remake of an apparently much-loved but little-seen movie of the same name from 1969. The director is Pat O'Connor ("Circle of Friends"), who knows his way

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She offers her November slot to an unpleasant workaholic advertising executive named Nelson (Reeves), whom she first meets while taking a DMV test. She believes he needs her help to loosen up and learn to enjoy life. It's unclear whether Sara requires all her patients to be total hunks like Nelson.

We're told only that Mr. October was extremely shy and that he graduated from the School of Sara early.

There's something inherently creepy about this whole arrangement, but Nelson doesn't put up much of a fight, beyond calling Sara

See SWEET, Page C5

Plays pop up in unconventional venues



JACK TUCKER
Community theater

who now wants to study dance.

In a seriocomic turn of events, they've begun a passionate romance.

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ARTS BEAT

Jewish music concert benefits Torah fund

BERKELEY — "Unexpected Jewish Music: Invocations & Tangos," a concert to benefit the Adam Cooper Memorial Torah Readers' Fund of Congregation B'nai Shalom, will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.

The concert will feature Frank London, composer and trumpet player with The Klezmatics, and Adrienne Cooper, a Yiddish vocalist whose work as been featured on film, radio, television, theater and recordings. Rob Schwimmer, a world-renowned symphony soloist and pianist with Jay and the Americans, will accompany London and Cooper.

The program will include work from London's CD "Invocation" and Cooper's CD "Ghetto Tango." Both performers will showcase their new collaboration, "Esn — Songs from the Kitchen."

The fund was established to perpetuate the memory of teen-ager Adam Cooper who, despite a neuro-

logical disability, celebrated a computer-assisted bar mitzvah. It provides ongoing engagement of young people in Torah reading after bar and bat mitzvah.

General admission tickets are \$25; benefit sponsor tickets at \$50 include priority seating and a free CD. Since seating is limited, reservations are recommended by Thursday.

For tickets and information, call

925-944-0931, or mail the number of reservations needed and a check made out to Congregation B'nai Shalom, 74 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Bride' performances continue at theater

EL CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre continues its performances of the comedy "There Goes the Bride" by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, and directed by Michael Ray Wisely.

The production, which opened Jan. 19, tells the story of a father who, on the morning of his daughter's wedding, gets a hard bump on the head, causing him to imagine he can see the "Flapper Girl" featured

in the ad campaign he is working on. The vision becomes a virtual reality as he begins conversing with the girl that nobody but the audience can see.

Performances are 2 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 24.

Tickets are \$10 general, and \$6 for youths 16 and under with current identification.

Call 510-524-9132.

Gallery exhibits works of artist from Berkeley

BERKELEY — The Red Oak Gallery is presenting an exhibit of paintings by Berkeley artist Pamela Markmann through March 25.

The exhibit, "Still Life and Landscapes," is a reflection of her 30 years as a professional artist working in pencil, ink, wax crayon, oil, sculpture and watercolors. Works are for sale.

Markmann has served as board member and gallery coordinator for the Berkeley Art Co-op and in 1978 founded the Berkeley Art Center Association.

The gallery, located inside Red

Oak-Realty, 1891 Solano Ave., is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For information, call 527-3387.

Young cellist debuts at symphony concert

RICHMOND — The Kensington Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lloyd Elliott, will present its third concert of the 2000-2001 season at 8 p.m. Feb. 24.

The program includes the Overture to Hansel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck and Symphony No. 1, Op. 38, "Spring," by Robert Schumann.

Cellist David Requier, who won the Symphony's Young Soloist Competition last November, will make his symphony debut as part of his prize for the annual competition. Requier, 16, who attends Crowden School in Berkeley, will be performing Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in B minor by Antonin Dvorak.

The concert will be at First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St. Suggested donations are \$10 general; \$8 seniors, and children are free.

For more information, call 510-251-2031.

EVENTS

Cody's Books —

Becky Thompson, Feb. 20. The author discusses her book "Mothering Without a Compass: White Mother's Love, Black Son's Courage."

Alison Gopnik, Feb. 22. The author discusses her book "The Scientist in the Crib: What Early Learning Tells Us About the Mind."

Carol Field, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. The author reads from her book "Mangos and Quince." At 1730 Fourth St. Events are free and start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-7852

Marcus Book Store —

John Rickford, Feb. 16. The author discusses his book "Spoken Soul: The Story of Black English."

David Anthony Durham, Feb. 22. The author discusses his novel "Gabriel's Story."

Jenoyne Adams, Feb. 23. The author discusses his novel "Resurrecting Mingus."

Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 652-2344.

REI Berkeley — through Feb. 22. A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment.

"Rivers of the World," Feb. 22, 7 p.m. Author Pamela Michael gives a slide presentation of nearly 100 of the world's great rivers.

Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140.

Grand Lake Oakland Certified Farmers Market —

Ongoing. A chance to buy local organic produce and baked goods.

Free, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MacArthur Boulevard and Grand Avenue, Oakland. (415) 456-FARM or (800) 897-FARM.

Jack London Square Farmers Market —

Ongoing. A chance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, and more.

Free, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway, Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

Disney On Ice —

"75 Years of Magic," Feb. 21 through Feb. 25. An ice show featuring the characters from Disney movies through the years.

\$12 to \$36. Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Oakland Arena, 7000 Coliseum Way at Interstate Highway 880 and Hegenberger Road, Oakland. (510) 762-2277.

"The Healing Power of Haiku" —

Feb. 22, 7 p.m. The Japan Society of Northern California and The Breast Cancer Fund present an evening of poetry, music, Japanese food and sake tasting to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer in the U.S. and Japan.

\$10. Takara Sake USA Tasting Room, 708 Addison St., Berkeley. (415) 986-4383.

Macdai Women's Film Festival —

Feb. 23, 7 p.m. A showcase of independent and experimental shorts from around the world.

\$5 general: \$3 students. Danforth Hall, Art 120, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 636-7432.

A.C.C.I. Gallery —

"My Bulgaria," through Feb. 28. A cultural exhibit of children's art from Bulgaria.

CLOSING — "Naked," closing Feb. 17. The Annual State Art Competition judged by Pasha Refat.

Free, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

Alice Arts Center —

"Zonguldak," through Feb. 28. An exhibit of works by Julia Kay, Frost Newton and Patrick O'Kiersey.

Free. On view 24 hours daily in the front windows, 1428 Alice St., Oakland. (510) 238-4948.

California College Of Arts And Crafts —

"Contemporary Cabinet of Curiosities: Selections from the Vicki and Kent Logan Collection," through March 3. This exhibit offers a collection evocative of wunderkammer, the 17th century "cabinet of wonders" that preceded the modern museum.

Free, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver Art Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 551-9210.

Creative Growth Art Center —

"King Louis and The Queen of Hearts," through March 2. A solo retrospective of works by Louis Estape.

"Mask," through March 2. An exhibit of the 2001 Limited Edition Print Portfolio.

"Memoriam," through March 2. A memorial exhibit of works by Manuel Correa, Kim Rossi and Nelson Tygart.

Free, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 836-2340.

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change
Call theaters for information
Compiled by Hollywood.com

*Wheelchair Accessible
Showtimes for Friday, February 16.

Alameda County

Act 1
2178 Center Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
• *Chunhyang* (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45

Albany Twin
1115 Second Avenue, Albany 843-FILM

• *In the Mood for Love* (PG-13) 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

• *Malena* (R) 4:15, 6:45, 9:00

California Theaters
2115 Kimball Street, Berkeley 843-FILM

• *Cheech & Chong's Up in Smoke* (PG-13) 1:45, 7:00, 9:30

• *Quills* (R) 1:25, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20

• *Shadow of the Vampire* (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

Century 25 Union City Landing
37100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9993

• *Cast Away* (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

• *Chunhyang* (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45, 10:45

• *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:05, 2:45, 4:05, 5:30, 7:05, 8:15, 9:30, 11:15

• *Down to Earth* (PG-13) 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

• *Hammer* (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:45

• *Double Take* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 5:00, 7:10, 9:35, 11:15

• *Recess: School's Out* (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *Saving Silverman* (PG-13) 12:30, 2:30, 4:50, 7:00, 10:25

• *Head Over Heels* (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:35

• *Miss Congeniality* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 5:20, 7:50

• *Recess: School's Out* (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *Shadow of the Vampire* (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *Snatch* (R) 10:30

• *Sweet November* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 2:30, 3:45

5:15, 6:45, 7:55, 9:45, 10:45, midnight

• *Thirteen Days* (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45

• *Traffic* (R) 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:45

• *Valentine* (R) 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40, midnight

• *The Wedding Planner* (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:30

• *What Women Want* (PG-13) 12:40, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15

Chabot Cinema
2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555

• *Hammer* (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Chabot Space & Science Center Tien

MegaDome
1000 Skyline Blvd., Bldg. 1000 336-7300

• *Antarctica* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3:00, 7:30 Showtimes subject to change

• *Solar Max* (R) 8:30 Showtimes subject to change

• *To Be an Astronaut* (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:00 Showtimes subject to change

Elmwood
2855 El Camino Real, Burlingame 649-0530

• *The Gun* (R) 4:00, 9:20

• *Meet the Parents* (PG-13) 4:45, 9:30

• *Miss Congeniality* (PG-13) 7:10

• *Requiem for a Dream* (NR) 5:00, 9:40

• *Thirteen Days* (PG-13) 7:00

• *Wonder Boys* (R) 7:05

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley

1545 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 548-1143

• *Chants of Sand and Stars* (NR) 8:40

• *Nu Shu* (R) 7:30

Grand Lake Theater
2320 Grand Lake Avenue, Oakland 452-3556

• *Cheech & Chong's Up in Smoke* (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35

• *Hammer* (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45

• *Saving Silverman* (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

• *Traffic* (R) 12:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Jack London Cinema

101 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320

• *Double Take* (PG-13) 4:15, 7:15, 9:15

• *Down to Earth* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:00, 3:30, 5:45

8:10, 10:30

• *Hammer* (R) 10:45 a.m., 12:30, 1:35, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45

• *Recess: School's Out* (G) 11:10 a.m., 1:20, 3:40, 5:55, 6:05, 10:10

• *Saving the Last Dance* (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 2:10, 4:55, 5:55, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30

• *Snatch* (R) 11:20 a.m., 4:05, 9:35

• *Sweet November* (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15

• *Traffic* (R) noon, 3:15, 7:05, 10:20

• *The Wedding Planner* (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05

Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward

19801 Hisparr Blvd., Hayward 785-8000

• *Cheech & Chong's Up in Smoke* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

• *Double Take* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

• *Recess: School's Out* (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *Shadow of the Vampire* (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *Snatch* (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *Sweet November* (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *Traffic* (R) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

• *The Wedding Planner* (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45

NAZ 8

39400 Aragona Way, Fremont 797-2000

• *Ashiq* (NR) 5:00, 9:00

• *Kannada Movie* (NR) 9:30

• *Kesoor* (NR) 5:00, 9:00

• *Kuchi Kathi Kuchi Mitti* (NR) 5:00

• *Mimaias* (NR) 7:00, 9:00

• *Tamil Movie* (NR) 7:00, 9:00

• *Telugu Movie* (NR) 9:00, 11:00

• *Zubdidas* (NR) 5:00, 9:00

Oaks Theater

1875 Soquel Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836

• *The Emperor's New Groove* (G) 6:00

• *Snatch* (R) 7:00, 9:35

• *Sweet November* (PG) 7:00, 9:25

Piedmont Theatre

4165 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM

• *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (PG-13) 7:00, 9:40

• *Shadow of the Vampire* (PG-13) 7:30, 9:30

• *You Can Count on Me* (R) 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM

• *Before Night Falls* (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

• *Best in Show* (PG-13) 4:05, 6:10

• *Billy Elliot* (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30

• *Finding Forrester* (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:25

• *Recess: School's Out* (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

• *Shadow of the Vampire* (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

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• *Traffic* (R) 12:15, 3:45, 7:20, 10:30

• *The Wedding Planner* (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

UA Embarcadero

6330 Christie Avenue, Emeryville 420-0107

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UA Galaxy

1245 Sutter Street, San Francisco 415-474-8700

• *Cast Away* (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

• *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 9:45

• *Recess: School's Out* (G) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 9:45

• *Saving the Last Dance* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 9:45

• *Shadow of the Vampire* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:45

UA Hayword 6

4190 Hisparr Blvd., Hayward 780-3000

• *Cast Away* (PG-13) 1:20, 3:45, 7:00, 9:00

• *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45,

7:45, 10:45

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other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St. at the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Every one over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

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shops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Hennz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish! Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing: Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 644-6107 for more information.

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shops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Mondays: fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Fendekens Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 461-5337, \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meet in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevation C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly Albury Chapter meets at 880 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6868.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

Berkeley High School Jazz Band performs at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. The performance is a part of the center's Black history celebration. Call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107 for more information.

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra presents a family concert at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 24 at Yerba Buena

Center of the Arts Forum, San Francisco. Maestro Kent Nagano leads the orchestra with a program that consists of two world premieres, both Berkeley Symphony commission. Luna Tree and Brementown Musicians by young French composer Jean-Pascal Bentus. Luna Tree was inspired by the campaign for saving the old-growth redwood trees in Northern California and the legend of Julia Butterfly Hill. Brementown Musicians is based on the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm about a group of domestic animals who fled their cruel master to become musicians in Bremen. Tickets \$8 for children, \$15 for adults. For ticket or information call 841-2600.

University Symphony Orchestra begins its spring semester with the two winners of the Concerto Competition held at UC Berkeley last fall. Roger Moseley performs Brahms' monumental piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor on Friday Feb. 23, and Betty Wu performs Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor on Saturday, Feb. 24. Both performances begin at 8 p.m. at the Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. Also on the program for both nights is UC Professor Cindy Cox's De Rerum Natura, a work that takes its name from the poetry of the Roman philosopher Lucretius, and Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet Ballet Suite. Tickets: \$8, \$6 and \$2. For ticket information, call 642-9986. For other information, call 642-4864.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 041-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

Duckman Distones, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Gustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's

Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave., \$4, call 525-1542.

Outdoors

Popular Outdoors Sports Trips (POST) conducts a flatwater canoeing course beginning with a pool session at the Richmond plume from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26. There will be three Saturday sessions at Lafayette Reservoir from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 3, 10 and 17. There will also be one evening class on Friday, March 16. A \$60 fee covers required permits, pool use, and textbook. All students must be able to tread water or float for three minutes, be at least 13 years old, and be able to carry one end of an 80-pound canoe. Class size is limited. For more information or to register, call Winnie Heppner at 845-8356, Ida Meikle at 925-7581, or Lu Pearson at 548-1922.

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Arlington Community Church invites you to join the chorus for upcoming concert

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

or the second year, the choir of the Arlington Community Church is inviting people who want to join them when they sing Shubert's "Mass in G" to church and the greater community. April, Leslie Moorjani, the leader of the choir, will lead the rehearsals beginning in April. The results beginning in April, the choir will be the best of every year because the

Leslie Moorjani says they tried it for the first time last year, when they sang John Rutter's "Requiem." She says that people from the community, including everyone involved in the choir, will be invited to sing, and love to sing, and eager groups, as in the popular "Messiah" very year.

Rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 and, as the last hour will be spent re-

hearsing the Mass in G. At that time people from the community, who wish to join them, can join the rehearsal. Moorjani says other members of the congregation, who do not wish to sing regularly in the choir, but do love to sing, will also join them.

Mary Freeman, a lyric soprano, will be the soloist for the performance.

Leslie Moorjani has been working with the Arlington Community Church since 1993, after some years with a church in Castro Valley, where she played the organ and directed the choir. "Such a long commute," she said with a sigh. She applied for a job with the Arlington church and was happy to receive it. "Such nice, friendly people," she says, "and there is a lot of

good, good music in the choir."

Leslie Moorjani — then Whitmore — lived in upstate New York in a small town called Keeseeville. She began piano lessons when she was in the third grade, and by the time she was in the fifth grade she was accompanying the school choir, which she continued doing through the 12th grade. She also performed a lot in competitions and other events. "But," she complains, "I was always playing and didn't get to sing."

She attended Crane School of Music, majoring in piano and organ, and earned her degree in music education. She later got her master's in the organ, at San Francisco State, after she married a man from San Francisco and moved with him to California. She has a daughter from that marriage. Crystal is a music student at San Francisco State. Crystal was in the Young Musicians Program for some years, and spent a year in Panama

as an exchange student.

Music was natural for her, Leslie says. Her grandmother was a musician. In fact, she also directed a choir.

Leslie Moorjani says she didn't go directly into teaching. She went to Jamestown, N.Y. (near Chautauqua) where she worked in a music store. She says she learned a great deal, and taught a children's class in keyboard techniques. It was a good learning experience, she says, especially about teaching methods. It was not long after that she married and moved to San Francisco

When she did go into teaching she taught P.E. as well as music. She did substitute teaching, earned her Masters, and played at many churches before finally taking a job with the church in Castro Valley. She is now married to Lachu Moorjani, who is an engineer turned restauranteur. He loves to cook and finally left the lab to make that his career. He opened his own restaurant, the

Ajante, a popular Indian restaurant at the top of Solano Avenue.

Leslie Moorjani is obviously a woman who has it all together. She is doing the work she loves, is proud of her daughter and of her husband, and delights in his success in his second career.

The Arlington Community Church is located at 52 Arlington Ave., and, of course, the rehearsals will be held there. Interested people are invited to call Leslie Moorjani at

843-7745.

Thank you, Margaret May, for telling me about Leslie Moorjani and the choir. It sounds like great fun. And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your input. Interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

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Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bay Point offers "Scribble Time," a group that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment, and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-8370 for additional information, or message for Anne Levine.

Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden, Tilden Park, presents regular tours, on days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays on Special tour by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

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The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

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pus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and

Braa Center, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-5590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothy Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call

204-4503

Lecture/Workshop

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

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"What is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragto Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional

information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Pacific Center for Spiritual Formation presents lectures Marcus Borg and Huston Smith at 9:30 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Dana. For more information, call 415-383-1552.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring

the spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m., in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

Theater, Dance & Film

Berkeley Folk Dance and the Folk Dance Federation of California present "Festival of the Oaks," Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Live Oak Park Recreation Center, 1301 Shattuck, at Berryman. Registration: 9:45 a.m. Caribbean and Latin American Circle and Partner dances presented by Susan Cashion: 10 a.m. to noon, \$6. Membership meeting at

noon, \$6. International Folk Dancing from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., \$6. Refreshments will be served. Full day \$10. Full-time students \$2 per event. For more information, call Mel Mann, 527-2177 or e-mail, melmanding@aol.com

Imhotep Dancers perform at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. Call Maggie or Suzanne, 644-6107, for more information.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 16 and 17 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Price: For more information, call 642-9988, or visit the Web site at www.caiperks.berkeley.edu.

The Actors Ensemble of San Francisco production of "The Mecca," through Feb. 26, and Saturday, 8 p.m. at the Yugen/Nog Storytelling Artaud Complex (980 Bayshore, San Francisco (Daly City, California), Tickets \$18, \$15 and 22 are Pay-What-You-Can scale. Previews \$10. Information, call 621-7978

Many Rivers Theater Project production of "Rachael," through Sunday, Feb. 25, Fridays, Saturdays, 8 p.m. at 7 p.m. The performance at the Yugen/Nog Storytelling Artaud Complex (980 Bayshore, San Francisco (Daly City, California), Tickets \$18, \$15 and 22 are Pay-What-You-Can scale. Previews \$10. Information, call 621-7978

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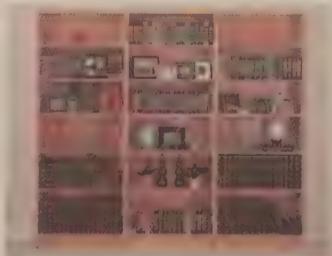
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Drive, She Said

By Denise McCluggage

Classic car auctions not phased by stock market

certain economic prospects might be causing sales of new cars, but Craig Jackson didn't find even a blip in the way old cars were selling — some going for up to \$800 for a 70-year-old car.

There are extenuating circumstances: a \$1-million dollar car was a Duesenberg Murphy convertible, and it sold at the annual Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Show, a mid-January fixture in Scottsdale, Ariz.

A Shelby Cobra 427s went in the quarter-mile range, and a Ford GT 40 Mk1 for \$42,000.

People were stepping up and paying for well-documented quality cars, Jackson said at a post-auction luncheon. He is president of the auction company that his father, Russ, and Tom Jackson started in 1971.

A large number of sellers set no reserve and didn't suffer for it, not a characteristic of a limp market. "It seemed the worse the car, the more bidder requests there were," Jackson said.

It was the 30th anniversary and the auction has grown to an automotive extravaganza with a vendor pavilion, a daily au-

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VOLVO'S S60 is more spacious inside than the impression its aerodynamic exterior conveys. The S60 sedan has the dynamic appearance of a coupe, yet none of the functional struggle of a two-door.

Sporty S60 sleek as a coupe, functional as a sedan

Find the auto maker's name is this cryptogram: revolvolution. It's Volvo, and they're proud of a revolutionary new sedan called the S60.

"What makes this vehicle so different from other compact sedans is that — as Volvo describes it — the S60 is 'first and foremost a coupe with four doors,'" Volvo describes it as the modern sedan. The auto maker goal with the S60 is to go after younger buyers who want the nimble, quick performance of a coupe, but need some of the practicality of a sedan. The starting

prices for these 2001 models range from \$26,500 to \$31,800.

Volvo's S60 is more spacious inside than the impression its aerodynamic exterior conveys. The S60 sedan has the dynamic appearance of a coupe, yet none of the functional struggle of a two-door. For example, rear seat occupants should be able to enter and exit with ease, and have adequate head- and leg room. Sloping body lines hide many of

Keane on Wheels

By Connie Keane

the facts behind the S60 which gave this new sedan its interior comfort. Compared to its predecessor, the S70, this

new sedan has a 2-inch longer wheelbase, but is 5.7 inches shorter in length.

This sporty front-wheel drive sedan is available in three powerplant and two transmission choices. All three engines are transversely mounted five-cylinders. The base model is a normally-aspirated 2.4-liter with

168 horses, revs at 6,000 rpm and 171 lb.-ft. of torque, at 4,750 rpm. The other two engine choices are turbocharged.

The 2.4-liter, light-pressure turbo five-cylinder model comes standard with a five-speed automatic transmission and is expected to be the volume leader of the S60 lineup. This powerplant generates 197 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 210 lb.-ft. of torque at a very low 1,800 rpm. The five-

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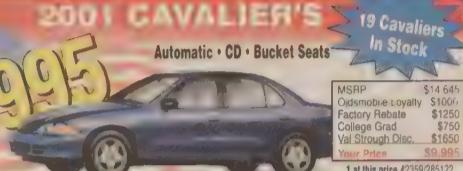
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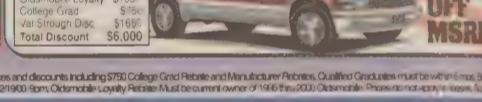
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Oodles of noodles: Looking at a staple of Asian culinary life

By Beverly Bundy

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Starches have always been the primary component of Chinese meals — vegetables and meat add flavor and variety. So it's not surprising that in their importance, noodles have been afforded a great deal of artistry and invention — fascinating for the knowledgeable, puzzling for the rest of us.

Here's a guide to the wonders of the Orient.

ASIAN NOODLES

Chinese noodles:

— Bean thread noodles, also called cellophane or glass noodles: These clear, dry noodles are made from green mung beans — hence the "bean" in the name. These should be soaked in warm water before serving as is, or added, only briefly, to a cooking dish. Available in many sizes, from bean vermicelli (tiny noodles in bundles) to longer lengths in wider sizes.

— Rice noodles, also called rice sticks in the broader sizes: These dried noodles are made from rice flour and are available in many sizes, from the tiny vermicelli to small, medium and large widths. They're also available in nearly endless dried ribbons. These should also

be soaked before cooking.

— Fresh noodles: Rice noodles: Made with rice flour and water and precooked, they need only to be added to dishes and heated. Look for them near the won ton skins in refrigerator cases at Asian markets. These are also available in sheets, and are the wrapping for "cheung fun," a dim sum standard.

— Egg noodles, also occasionally called stir-fry noodles: If you've ever had lo mein, these are the noodles in the dish. They're made with wheat flour and the addition of egg. Add to boiling water to cook (but only for seconds, literally.)

Japanese noodles:

— Somen: Fine white noodles made from wheat flour and water and a touch of water. Like soba noodles, these are often served cold with a dipping sauce.

— Udon: Usually fat, round noodles made with wheat flour. There are some flat udon noodles, as well. Preferred in Osaka and western Japan, these have a soft but slightly chewy texture.

— Soba: These are thin noodles made with 80 to 90 percent buckwheat flour, plus some wheat flour to make them less crumbly. They're easy to pick out because they're a taupe color.

STARCHES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A PRIMARY COMPONENT of Asian meals, so noodles have been given a great amount of artistry. Variations include the flat, round Japanese Udon, buckwheat noodles and whole wheat noodles. Cook them in their native manner, in dishes for which they were originally intended. After seeing their characteristics, feel free to adapt them to your family's own dishes and menus.

Using your noodles

The best way to understand these noodles is to first cook them in their native manner, in dishes for which they were originally intended. After seeing their characteristics, feel free to adapt them to your family's own dishes and menus.

Shrimp and Cucumber Sunomono Salad

Serves 4
2 ounces bean thread noodles
1/2 hothouse or English cucumber, peeled
2 cups water
1 tablespoon salt
6 ounces cooked, peeled shrimp
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
1 cup ginger sunomono dressing
recipe follows

In heat-proof bowl or pot, cover noodles with boiling water and soak for 5 minutes. Drain and chill.

On a cutting board, slice cucumber in half lengthwise. Cut into paper-thin slices.

In mixing bowl, combine water and salt. Add cucumber slices and soak for 15 minutes. Drain, pat dry with paper towels and chill.

Just before serving, divide noodles into four bowls. Cover noodles

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IF THERE'S A TRICK TO MAKING FINE SEAFOOD JAMBALAYA — a Louisiana-style feast-in-a-pot — it's gathering just the combination of spices, seasoning meats, vegetables, fish, shellfish and rice that gives this traditional bayou-country specialty its matchless flavor and robust character. Spice blend ingredients included here include curry powder, coriander, cumin, caraway, cardamom and anise seeds. Spices and herbs used alone in combination can really liven up any seafood dish.

Jambalaya: an authentic Louisiana favorite

An authentic seafood jambalaya like the one below can call for two dozen or more ingredients, but it's not a difficult dish to make well.

One of Louisiana's two most popular shellfish specialties (the other being gumbo), jambalaya is readily expandable for larger gatherings and forgiving enough to fit almost any time schedule.

SCISSOR TIP:

For the most flavorful seafood jambalaya, use a homemade stock prepared with fish and shellfish in preference to water, bottled clam juice or chicken broth.

For Mardi Gras or any other celebration that calls for plenty of good Louisiana-style fare, consider jambalaya. Like gumbo, different versions of jambalaya are common to both Cajun and Creole cooking.

This one takes its authentic taste from the smoky, spicy Cajun sausage known as andouille and a Cajun seasoning meat (a type of ham) called tasso.

Both meats are available in specialty food shops, larger supermarkets, and through mail-order and Web-based catalogs.

FISH AND SEAFOOD JAMBALAYA

2 bay leaves
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons ground red pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 1/4 teaspoons white pepper
1 teaspoon black pepper
3/4 teaspoon dried thyme
2 1/2 tablespoons chicken fat or butter
2/3 cup chopped tasso or other smoked ham (about 3 ounces)
1/2 cup chopped andouille smoked sausage or smoked pork sausage such as kielbasa
1 1/2 cups chopped onion
1 cup chopped celery
3/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
4 cups peeled and chopped tomatoes (fresh or canned)
3/4 cup tomato sauce
1 recipe Seafood Stock (see below)
1/2 cup chopped green onion
2 cups uncooked rice, preferably converted
1 pound firm-fleshed fish fillets, cut in bite-sized pieces
18 oysters in their liquor (medium sized, about 10 ounces)
18 medium shrimp (about 1/2 pound), peeled and deveined
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a bowl, prepare seasoning mix by combining bay leaves, salt, red pepper, oregano, white pepper,

black pepper and thyme. Set aside.
3. In a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt fat. Add tasso and sausage; sauté until crisp (5 to 8 minutes), stirring frequently.
4. Add onion, celery and pepper; sauté until tender but still firm (about 5 min).
5. Add seasoning mix and garlic; cook about 3 minutes, stirring constantly and scraping pan bottom as needed.
6. Add tomatoes and cook about 7 minutes, stirring frequently.
7. Add tomato sauce; cook about 7 minutes more, stirring fairly often.
8. Stir in Seafood Stock and bring to a boil. Then stir in green onion and cook about 2 minutes, stirring once or twice.
9. Add rice, fish, oysters and shrimp, stir well, remove from heat.
10. Transfer mixture to ungreased 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Cover pan snugly with aluminum foil; bake until rice is tender but still a bit crunchy (20 to 30 minutes). Remove from oven. If there is still liquid in the bottom of the pan, let pan sit a few minutes, still covered, to allow rice to absorb the liquid. Remove bay leaves.
11. Serve 2 cups of jambalaya per portion for a main course or 1 cup as an appetizer.

Serves 8 as an appetizer; 4 as a main dish.

This stock for jambalaya calls for a mixture of shellfish and fish carcasses. If you're short on time, simmer the stock only 20 to 30 minutes; it will still produce better results than using plain water.

SEAFOOD STOCK

4 cups water
3/4 to 1 pound (about 5 to 6 cups) rinsed shrimp heads and shells, crawfish heads and shells, crab shells, rinsed fish carcasses (heads and gills removed) in any combination

1 small onion, unpeeled and quartered
1 small rib celery
1 small clove garlic, unpeeled and quartered

Place all ingredients in large saucepan; bring to a boil over high heat; reduce heat and simmer gently at least 4 hours, replenishing water as needed to keep about 2 cups of liquid in the pan. Strain, cool and refrigerate until ready to use.

Makes about 2 cups.

Noodles

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with cucumber and top with shrimp. Pour 1/4 cup dressing over each salad and garnish with sesame seeds. Serve immediately.

Ginger sunomono dressing:

1 tablespoon sugar
1/3 cup rice vinegar
1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
1/2 cup chicken stock

2 tablespoons finely grated gingerroot
In small, nonreactive saucepan, combine sugar and vinegar. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat, add remaining ingredients and mix well. Allow to cool before serving.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 122 calories, 1 gram fat, 19 grams carbohydrates, 7 grams protein, 61 milligrams cholesterol, 528 milligrams sodium, 11 percent of calories from fat.

— "New World Noodles" by Bill Jones and Stephen Wong, (Robert Rose, \$17.95)

Assorted Meats and Seafood with Udon in Miso Soup

Serves 4

5 cups chicken stock
2 tablespoons red miso paste, see Note
1 teaspoon sesame oil
3 sliced gingerroot, 1/4-inch thick
12 ounces udon noodles
4 ounces barbecued pork, sliced (or substitute any cooked meat you have on hand)

2 hard-boiled eggs, halved
4 stalks broccoli, cut into 2-inch lengths
8 large shrimp, shelled and deveined
6 large scallops, cut crosswise in 3 slices

Salt, to taste
1 teaspoon Japanese seven spice pepper, see Note

Note: Miso is a fermented soybean paste. It is available in several colors and strengths. Rich miso is most frequently used in soups and stews. Find it in the refrigerator case at Asian markets; it will keep almost indefinitely in your home refrigerator.

Seven spice pepper is a combination of chile pepper, black pepper, ground orange peel, sesame seeds, poppy seeds, hemp seeds and powdered nori (dried seaweed). Coarsely ground black pepper can be used as a substitute.

In a large saucepan or soup pot, combine chicken stock, miso paste, sesame oil and ginger slices; bring to boil. Cook for 1 minute. Add noodles and cook until al dente. Using a slotted spoon, transfer noodles to a soup tureen or 4 bowls. Arrange pork slices and eggs on top.

Add broccoli to broth; bring to boil and cook for 1 minute. Add seafood, return to boil and continue cooking for 1 minute. Season with salt. Ladle soup mixture over noodles, sprinkle with the seven spice pepper and serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 476 calories, 10 grams fat, 62 grams carbohydrates, 34 grams protein, 199 milligrams cholesterol, 2,292 milligrams sodium, 18 percent of calories from fat.

New World Noodles
Thai Noodles (see Note)

Serves 4

Noodles:
2/3 pound dried rice and preferably medium width
2 tablespoons vegetables
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
2 shallots, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons ground black pepper to taste, see Note

6 tablespoons ketchup
4 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons fish sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup low-sodium
3 cups bean sprouts
3 scallions, sliced into 1/2-inch pieces
1/4 cup chopped rooster

Note: Chile paste is made from dried chiles, including ground up with vinegar.

Fish sauce (nuoc cham) and 'ham pha' (fish sauce) are the soy sauce of those who add a richness that is not (although it is made from anchovies). Look for it in the condiment section of Asian grocery stores.

Bring 2 quarts of water to a rolling boil. Cook noodles 8 to 10 minutes, then drain. Under cold running water, ensure the noodles are free of the pungent chile odor.

Drain noodles and spread out to dry for 10 minutes. The noodles will get together, but don't be afraid.

Meanwhile, heat spoonfuls in a wok over high heat. Stir-fry the noodles until they are soft.

Add ketchup, sugar and salt and reduce slightly for 1 minute.

Add 2/3 cup chicken stock to reduce heat. Stir-fry the noodles for 3 to 5 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons of the sauce.

Add 1/2 cup of the sauce to the wok.

Add 2 cups of the sauce to the wok. Turn often and sauté until the sauce has absorbed all the flavor and until just tender, about 10 minutes.

Add bean sprouts and peanuts; fold into the mixture from heat and serve.

Topping:

1 tablespoon vegetables

1/2 small yellow onion

1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

see NOODLES

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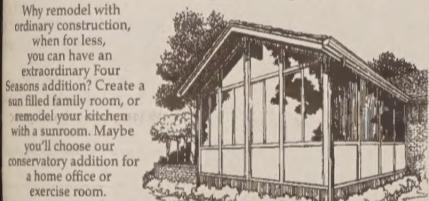
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After we sat down for dinner, the variety of dishes on the menu overwhelmed us. A selection of appetizers such as eggplant Napoleon, cajun chicken strips with romaine lettuce wrap and grilled tiger shrimp were good additions to the regular caesar salad, spinach salad and soup, all served with fresh baked bread. Variety of entrees included chicken dishes such as Chicken Marsala, Chicken Florentine, Chicken Curry, and many more. Pasta favorites such as Fettuccini Carbonara and a special

Jambalaya Pasta are among many. Beef and Veal dishes such as Pepper Steak, Mediterranean Beef, New York Steak, Veal Chops and Osso Bucco are also on the menu. On the seafood side, they had plenty of Salmon and Shrimp dishes. The Blackened Salmon caught my eye. But the most impressive of all was the wine list. I counted more than 300 varieties of wine from popular wineries such as Beringer, Kendall Jackson, BV to Cakebread Cellar, Staglin, Silverado and Thomas Fogarty to a collection of French and Italian wine highlighted by Chateau Lafitte. And some 20 different varieties of champagne which included Schramsberg, Gloria Ferrer to even Dom Perignon. They even had Louis Roederer Crystal. But even more interesting was that I could go in the wine cellar and see the selection and pick the wine I wanted. By the time we got to dessert, it was the moment of truth. I could hardly wait to taste some of those pastries I had seen. I had the Tiramisu and living up to my expectations, it was absolutely scrumptious. It was the best I had ever eaten with a glass of port and espresso. It was certainly a breathtaking dining experience. Our return for a Sunday brunch with a special menu only confirmed our previous thoughts, as my friend said, "This is the best Sunday brunch in this area." If I gave one star for each: ambiance, food, wine list and pastry, I would say we have a 4-star restaurant in downtown Walnut Creek.

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Noodles

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1/2 pound raw medium prawns, peeled and deveined
2 cups broccoli florets, blanched, shocked in ice water and drained
1/3 cup low-sodium chicken stock
Heat the 1 tablespoon oil in another nonstick pan over moderate heat. Add yellow onion and garlic and saute until soft and aromatic, about 1 minute.

Add the prawns. Toss in pan until they turn opaque, about 2 minutes. Add broccoli, reserved sauce and the 1/3 cup chicken stock.

Cover and cook until vegetables are thoroughly hot for another 2 minutes.

Garnishes:
1/4 cup coarsely chopped roasted unsalted peanuts, optional
Fresh chopped cilantro
4 lemon wedges

To serve, portion noodles onto individual dinner plate and top with the prawns and broccoli stir-fry. Garnish with peanuts, cilantro and lemon wedges.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 540 calories, 16 grams fat, 84 grams carbohydrates, 17 grams protein, 81 milligrams cholesterol, 1,556 milligrams sodium, 27 percent of calories from fat.

—The Best of Vietnamese & Thai Cooking, by Mai Pham (Prima, \$18.95)

Velvet Chicken Lo Mein

Serves 4-6

Chicken mixture:
1 1/2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into matchstick strips (to make 1 cup)
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon soy sauce
About 1/2 egg white
Bring 1 quart water to a boil. Meanwhile, combine all ingredients and toss well.

Immerse chicken in boiling water. Turn off heat at once. Stir to separate pieces. Let chicken blanch in water for 1 minute. Pour into colander. Rinse thoroughly in cold water to prevent further cooking. Drain.

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons finely minced fresh ginger
1 tablespoon minced garlic
6 Chinese dried mushrooms: Soak in hot water until spongy; discard stems, shred caps
2 cups shredded Napa cabbage

Heat wok over high heat, then swirl in oil. When oil is hot, drop in ginger, garlic and mushrooms. Stir-fry until garlic turns golden. Add cabbage and cook until soft; add blanched chicken. Mix well.

Sauce mixture:
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon dark soy sauce, see Note
2 tablespoons oyster sauce
2 teaspoons sesame oil
1/4 cup water

Note: Dark soy sauce is really no

darker than regular soy sauce, but it is thicker. You can tell the difference when you tilt the bottle and watch the liquid at the neck of the bottle. The thicker soy sauce takes longer to drain down into the bottle. Try the soy sauce marked "mushroom" soy sauce.

Combine all ingredients and swirl into chicken mixture and stir-fry for about 30 seconds.

1/2 pound fresh egg noodles, pre-boiled for 15 seconds only and drained in colander

4 scallions, cut into 1 1/2-inch length, including some green part

Add noodles and scallions. Turn heat to medium. Stir and toss for about 2 minutes. Serve.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 286 calories, 11 grams fat, 34 grams carbohydrates, 14 grams protein, 54 milligrams cholesterol, 578 milligrams sodium, 34 percent of calories from fat.

—The New Classic Chinese Cookbook, by Mai Leung (Council Oak Book, \$26.95)

The history of noodles

By Beverly Bundy

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The Chinese were eating wheat noodles as early as A.D. 200. By the end of the Han Dynasty, the emperor was known to eat boiled noodles. And it was soon thereafter that the omnipresent street noodle vendors began plying their trade. The north, the colder regions, is the home of the wheat noodle. In the south, where China grows most of its rice, that is the staple grain and hence the home of the rice noodle.

Noodles most likely evolved from China's massive exploration during the Han period around the birth of Christ. The Persians had flour mills, which the Chinese observed and adopted. Turning their grain into flour made sense for the Chinese, who have always fought fuel scarcity. Noodles cook much quicker than unrefined grains.

In Thailand, noodles are the only dish eaten with chopsticks. Everything else is eaten with a fork and spoon. Korea is the only Southeast Asian country that doesn't use chopsticks for noodles. Everything is eaten with a spoon. And the Chinese habit of drinking directly from the bowl is considered very improper in Korea. To the Japanese, who are world leaders in diplomacy, loud slurping and drinking of noodles is quite polite. Unlike the rest of Southeast Asia, and despite their own reliance on rice, the Japanese don't eat rice noodles.

In recent years, "Chinese-style" noodles (thin, yellow, sometimes wavy noodles) known as "ramen" have just about overtaken udon, soba and somen as the noodle of choice — particularly among the young.

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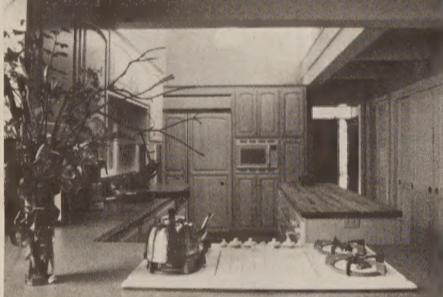


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Socialization Provides Health Benefits For Seniors

Will & Tilley Move To
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By Susan Rich

San Leandro - Living alone can be a health risk for seniors, according to recent gerontological research. Socialization with peers on a regular basis helps prevent short term memory loss. Recently released research indicates that social activities, such as playing cards or bingo, attending plays and conversation over dinner, provide benefits equal to physical exercise. For seniors, especially those with limited mobility, this is exciting news. In addition, seniors who remain socially active live longer, more enriched lives.

Often, when seniors lose their spouse or driving presents more challenges, they become isolated and lose contact with friends. It is difficult to remain socially active when transportation to events and situations where friends can meet are not readily available. The good news is many new upscale Senior Living Communities, such as Carlton Plaza, can provide a rich resource for social interaction, opportunities to make friends and transportation to events, to assist in maintaining or restoring an active lifestyle.

Tilley York and Will Barry will testify to the dramatic change in their lifestyles and positive attitudes. Will, a native San Franciscan, who grew up in Mill Valley and later worked as a lithographer, discovered living alone was a challenge. Will and his family began exploring options and discovered Carlton Plaza of San Leandro, a beautifully appointed Senior Living Community, which offered a myriad of services.

Tilley, who was a native of Oakland, graduated from Roosevelt High and raised four children, found herself in a similar situation. Tilley, with the help of her family, also moved into Carlton Plaza to take advantage of the tapestry of activities available. She was especially enamored with the beautiful gardens and courtyards, lush with flowers and greenery, that provided the opportunity to pursue one of her favorite hobbies, horticulture.

Like in all good movies...boy meets girl, and they fall in love. Will and Tilley met at a community event, and a friendship began. Now they attend cultural events, theatre, stroll in the garden and sip tea in the gazebo. Will plays pool in the billiards room while Tilley does a little gardening in the courtyard flower boxes. Together they go on scenic drives and enjoy the musical events staged at the

community. They look forward to the assistance when needed, with the stress of moving to a new home. They know the caregivers available 24 hours per day can help with bathing, dressing, medication, housekeeping, personal laundry. Their families hesitate to applaud the Satisfaction Guarantee Program offered exclusively by the family, who owns and operates Carlton Plaza.

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